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● Peter Katholos

Katholos back as free player?

Larissa, Olympiakos or back to Australia? Peter Katholos can't decide. But if the former Socceroo, now with Greek club Larissa, decides to return, he'll be a free player and there won't be a shortage of clubs clamoring for his services.

"Coaches hold the key to success as far as players are concerned. They're the ones who can make or break you and I have certainly had my problems with Mr. Streilaou (the Larissa coach)," said Katholos. "Although Larissa bought me as a midfielder (from Sydney Olympic), Streilaou has constantly thrown me on in the second half as a centre forward and his attitude to

me is very cold."

Yet Streilaou was reported in a Greek newspaper as being very happy with Katholos.

"Peter Katholos is a good player and next year he is going to produce a lot for Larissa," said Streilaou.

It's unlikely though that Katholos will stay with Larissa.

"I'm thinking of Australia a lot. I'm thinking of my business, my family and my friends and I'm wondering if it's worthwhile sacrificing another year for the chance to make a name for myself here in Greece. I wonder if it's worth it to gamble with my life here," said Katholos.

Katholos missed pre-season training

with Larissa because he didn't join the club until last year when the current Greek season had started. He also was injured last year and struggled to fight his way back. But he's overcome his injury worries and is fitter than he's ever been.

Establishing himself at Larissa has been made harder by the attitude of some of his team mates who are jealous of the money the club paid to Olympic to sign Katholos. "There are so many cliques at Larissa, it's unreal. But Greek football is renowned for that kind of thing. I played against Panionios in a league game and I was running up and down the field like an idiot but no one would pass the ball to me. Some of these so-called superstars here live in a

world of their own and if you ever have a go at them they retaliate by asking you who the hell do you think you are to criticise them.

"I made a big mistake in coming to Larissa because I didn't realise just how different people's attitudes here are. Their thinking and their way of life are just so different to what I'm used to."

Olympiakos is interested in Katholos but Larissa could price him out of the market. However, Katholos plans to return to Australia during the Greek off-season and play guest games here.

Judging by his attitude to playing in Greece, those guest games could develop into more permanent appearances.

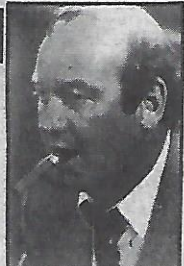
Hennessy returns

● Terry Hennessy and his wife Sandra arrive on April 1 to settle in Melbourne.

Hennessy coached Melbourne Croatia in 1984. His son, Dean, plays for Victorian State League club Box Hill.

Terry Hennessy is a former captain of Wales. He also captained Nottingham Forest, Derby County and Birmingham and made his international debut for Wales against Northern Ireland in 1960 when he was 18. He was named Coach of the year in the U.S. after leading Tulsa Roughnecks to a 2-0 win over Toronto Blizzard in Soccer Bowl '83.

The Hennessys have been granted permanent residency.



● Terry Hennessy

Margaritis, Davo face McKendry

direct confrontation with McKendry.

"It's not the first time or the last time that we will meet. I don't worry about McKendry. I worry about the Juventus players."

"The boys are picking up my way of thinking now, and they are accepting it. I am enjoying the coaching a lot more now, and the players are enjoying themselves too. No coach can ask for more."

He remains guarded when he discusses the fact that Juventus has had a problem in attack of late. "I don't care how many bad games players like Cullen, Sweeney and Zinni have. I know what they're capable of, so I treat them with respect."

BU-Juventus v. SM-Hellas

Olympic Park, Sunday, 3pm
CLASH OF THE COACHES.

That's the way this match has been billed ever since the 1986 NFL fixtures were released.

In the blue corner, John Margaritis — champion coach of 1985, the man who took Juventus from the State League to the national title within three years, and then went back "home" to Hellas, the club where he played.

In the black and white corner, Len McKendry, who coached the Hellas team that won the national title in 1984 before switching to Juventus early this year.

Margaritis in the spirit of the confrontation, magnanimously declared: "Len McKendry is wasting his time here. He should be coaching Liverpool or Arsenal. Maybe he should open a school so all the other coaches can go and learn from him."

Juventus midfielder Paul Wade underlined the nature of the encounter, saying "It will be a battle of tactics more than anything, because the coaches know each other's teams so well."

"And Richard Miranda will be out to prove something after switching from Juventus to Hellas. He'll be a hard man to tie down."

"He'll be eating spaghetti on the Friday night, like he does before every big game, to build up energy."

"We'll be against each other in midfield. I'd kick him, but I know he'd kick me back harder."

Hellas star Alan Davidson, believes Hellas will have an advantage because McKendry's style never varies, and therefore is easy to read.

"When he was coaching Hellas, we had to play every ball to the two front men, Egan and Brown. They were supposed to turn quickly, or lay it off to the central midfielders coming through. The wide midfielders

— and I was one of them — might as well not have been there. And so the wide midfielders at Juventus are in for a frustrating year."

Wade disagrees, however. "We're not being specific about going wide," he said. "We're not committed. Whoever is closest, goes wide when it's necessary."

But McKendry's system would largely be unchanged,

Davidson said. "Often, it was like playing the ball against a brick wall when we tried to pass it to Brown or Egan," he said. "I tried to get McKendry to change it, so we could go wide instead, and cross it in, but he never changed. He could have been playing against the Italian national team, and the system would have been the same."

Margaritis played down the

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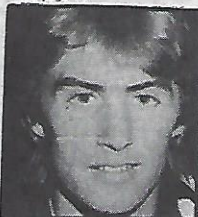
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● Ossie Latif of J.U.S.T. tears away from George Cross opponents Chris Taylor and Jeff Faulkner (left) in their sensational National Cup match on Sunday. See page 11.



● Paul Wade



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Where are Greek stars?

Syd. Olymp. v Canterbury
Pratten Park, Sunday, 3pm

"I'm fitter than I ever was at Heidelberg. I'm a lot happier too. I'm really looking forward to this season and I want to get among the goals."

So says Olympic Striker Stuart Stevenson. He's seen Canterbury's three Greek stars - Spiro Livathinos and Yannis Dondas of Panathinaikos and George Christofis of OFI - and fans are starting to wonder if these players ever will appear. Canterbury coach Domagoj Kapetanovic is just as perplexed.

"No-one can tell me anything about when they are coming," said Kapetanovic. There's still no news yet on the arrival of Canterbury's three Greek stars - Spiro Livathinos and Yannis Dondas of Panathinaikos and George Christofis of OFI - and fans are starting to wonder if these players ever will appear. Canterbury coach Domagoj Kapetanovic is just as perplexed.

But Mike Coady and Martin Rogers are back with Olympic, giving the club great depth. Coady and Rogers are certain to face Canterbury. In midfield, Peter Raskopoulos, Garry Phillips, Vincente Estavillo, Richie Burke and Stuart Johnston give coach Manfred Schaefer plenty of players to choose from. Raskopoulos and Phillips and certain to face Canterbury. In midfield, Peter Raskopoulos, Garry Phillips, Vincente Estavillo, Richie Burke and Stuart Johnston give coach Manfred Schaefer plenty of players to choose from.

Canterbury lacks quality. It can't be said any other way. It simply hasn't got enough class players to do well in the National League even if it resolves its differences with Brazilians Nello Borges and Marcos Silva.

— CRAIG MacKENZIE



The 1977 team which, as State League champion, was the last George Cross side to win a league title. Can "George" come close this year? From left, standing: Derek Barron, Paul Murphy, Kevin Kelly, Lou Kastner, John Webb, Ken Reed. Front: Philip Cutajar, Robbie Cullen, Billy Wilkinson, Alex McConville, Peter Ebini.

Gully to cash in on Croatia

Green Gully v Melb Croatia
Green Gully Reserve, St. Albans, Sunday 3pm

The Croatian community of St. Albans will be out in force to see perhaps the finest soccer team in Australia - much to the delight of Green Gully which is keen to cash in at the gate, the canteen and the bar, and to show off star recruits Danny Ward (Melb - Hungary) and Scott Fra-

ser (Glasgow Rangers).

Money's scarce in soccer, so Guy Spiteri and his fellow-workers are rubbing their hands in glee at the prospect of hosting a Croatia team that has won both the Buffalo Gold Cup and the Ansett Challenge Shield, and that boasts superstars Steve Gojevic, Luka Bonacic, Davor Todoric, Drago Deankovic and Josip Biskic.

It will be a special game for Green Gully's Tommy Cumming who served various stints as player-coach of Croatia during his many seasons there.

Cumming agreed only last week to sign a new contract

with the club, after George Cross refused to pay the \$10,000 transfer fee Gully wanted for him.

But Croatia's coach Miron Bleiberg, while acknowledging Cumming's ability, isn't at all worried about the wee man's knowledge of Croatia's strengths and weaknesses.

"I appreciate Cumming as a man and maybe as a coach, but he's not our main problem," Bleiberg says. "His soccer does not get better from year to year."

"Also, every one of my players is better than the Green Gully players, and the only way Green Gully can play against us is by either being tougher, in which case we will have to rely on the referee, or by playing on the break because we will be having much more of the ball. In that way, it will be similar to our game against Sydney Croatia in the Ansett Challenge Shield."

"Our main problems will be the smaller pitch - because a bigger, wider pitch is an advantage for better teams - and maybe complacency after having won two trophies already, while Green Gully is hungry after waiting around for so long. I hope my players are able to meet the challenge and prove they are really a good team."

Green Gully will meet Croydon in the National Cup at Olympic Park tonight (Wed).

Bleiberg said he appreciated the speed of Paul Lewis in breaks, and the skill and creativity of Claude Lucchesi, but he believes that Green Gully's centre-back partnership of Stuart Cannell and Steve McClelland played better in 1985 than it's playing this year.

It is no secret that Luka Bonacic did not appreciate playing at left midfield in the Buffalo Cup, and so was switched to the middle against Sydney Croatia.

Asked whether Bonacic now would remain in the middle, Bleiberg said: "We will be playing total soccer more and more, with players less tied down to particular positions. They will interchange positions in midfield, so there is no problem."

Green Gully midfielder or forward Les Carter has earned Bleiberg's respect for the way he has fought back after a broken leg. "Carter has impressed me," the coach says. "But I don't think he is a player who warrants special marking. Our midfield and defence is well organised, so we just have to hope that we don't have silly goals scored against us."

21-goal Irvine set for Hellas

Adel. Hellas v George Cross
Hindmarsh Stadium, Sunday, 2.30pm
Adelaide Hellas coach Neil McGachey and president Frank Karagiannis won't say so, but I believe striker Stuart Irvine, whose 21 league goals made him leading scorer in the Scottish Second Division last season, is the man expected to join the club in about four weeks' time.

Irvine was in sensational form with Stirling Albion in the 1984-85 season, bagging his tally in 35 games.

He's just the player to add height and strength to Hellas's front line and that's not a criticism of Gary Price or George Konstantopoulos who are playing well and should line-up against George Cross on Sunday.

Hellas probably will use a 3-5-2 formation. Charlie Yankos will be sweeper, with Robbie Dunn and Tim Brown picking up Carl Gilder and either Mark Lennon or Bobby Tool.

Chris Manos will act as a defensive midfielder with wide players Brenton Hiera, on the right, and Alan Scott, on the left, having the tasks of stopping Roger Bain and Noel Mitten getting too far forward.

Graham Honeyman and Scottish import Brian McLaughlin will play in more central midfield roles. Their duties will be primarily attacking ones and recent games suggest they have plenty of flair for such roles.

They train hard at Hellas. Just ask Lou Hristodoulou, who felt the full force of a Honeyman challenge recently and could miss this match.

George Cross is a superbly drilled outfit. Coach John Gardiner certainly gets the best out of the players at his disposal.

I think that Gardiner's squad lacks the quality to be champions of material. Just think what Gardiner would do with the Melbourne Croatia squad, for example. It seems to me that George Cross needs another midfielder and a striker to be up there with the

George Cross court threat

George Cross will resort to legal action if it fails to be included in the reduced 14-team NSL next season.

It is one of many clubs that have refused to indemnify the NSL from litigation should they fail to meet the criteria for membership in 1985.

"We do not agree with the criteria and our members have assured us of full backing if we have to go to court," George Cross president Ali Zahra said.

"It is unfair to dump 10 clubs that have incurred huge expenses to be part of the league," Zahra warned that the 1986 competition could degenerate into chaos.

"Clubs will know by about the half-way mark whether they've got a chance of making the 14 and if they don't, there's nothing to stop them from withdrawing the balance of their affiliation fee, letting their senior players go to save money, and fielding youth teams," he said.

best of them. Don't get me wrong, George Cross will give as good as it gets, but I really don't think that even Gardiner can expect his side to win anything this year.

Nevertheless, Hellas will know that it's been in a game. Price and Konstantopoulos will and Tyrone James and Shaun Parton a handful and if Gardiner decides to use just three at the back, pushing John Campbell and Chris Taylor forward in wide positions, Steve Richardson, another giant, could come into the George Cross defensive formation.

The should diminish Dunn's threat in the air for he's bound to come forward at every set piece situation.

Hellas expects to win. I expect George Cross to return to Melbourne with a hard earned point. And that would be a great result, for few teams will leave Hindmarsh Stadium this season with anything to show for their efforts.

— CRAIG MacKENZIE

Xanthopoulos in top form

From page one

Asked whether he expected Juventus to resort to knuckle, he said:

"No team can kick my team off the park because we're well trained for that possibility and the players are bloody, bloody strong - mentally and physically. I expect an aggressive game but the last thing I want is dirty play."

It's true, though, that Juventus captain Brian Brown was sent off the field during the Buffalo Cup game against Hellas.

"Yet, Brown is not a dirty player usually. Neither is Peter Lewis. He is a naturally aggressive player but deliberate kicking is not his natural game."

Margaritis praised sweeper Arthur Xanthopoulos, who has taken over from John Zenden following Zenden's move to Juventus. "Arthur's playing better than he was when he was 23," Margaritis said. "So is Kenny Murphy."

Players today play their best soccer between 28 and 33 or 34. Xanthopoulos and Murphy prove it. So too do Bobby Russell, John Dowie, Robbie Cullen, Peter Lewis - and Platini himself. At this age, you are

the complete player because you are mature and you are able to use your assets to full advantage. Andrew Zinni has more potential than any player I know, but he hasn't got the maturity yet. Just wait and see what a great player he will be when he's older."

Margaritis stressed that contrast to what has been reported in the Greek-language press Miranda and Carl Halford were not for sale. The reports had stated that Heidelberg-Alexander had made an offer for the two players.

"All my players are brilliant and they are all staying with me," Margaritis said.

And about another report that there had been differences between Margaritis and Charlie Egan, he said: "Egan and I have had a perfect relationship for five years. We're the best of mates. I don't know who makes up these stories."

Frank McGrellis, the English striker from Wits University of South Africa, has been delayed while his wife tries to sell her business in Johannesburg, but they should be here within the next few weeks.

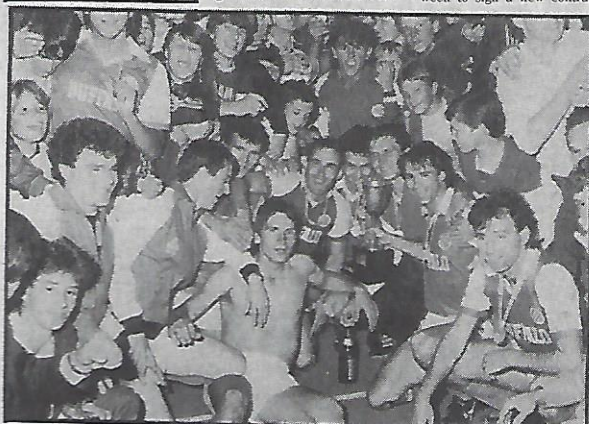
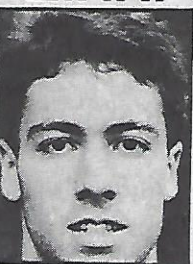
Margaritis rates Footscray JUST as the best team Hellas has played so far.

ZINNI STAYS

Juventus avoided the wrath of its supporters by persuading star striker Andrew Zinni (pictured) to stay with the club. Zinni, who has just recovered from injury, signed a one-year contract.

He had been on the verge of transferring to Footscray JUST or Heidelberg after expressing dissatisfaction with Juventus.

"I've been assured I'll be given a fair go and that I'll be used in attack rather than in midfield, so I'll give it my best shot and I'm sure we'll do well," Zinni said.



Melbourne Croatia players from left, among the fans after winning the Ansett Challenge Shield: Markovac (standing), Ljubic, Biskic, Deankovic, Bonacic, Gojevic, Todoric, Curcio, Campbell.

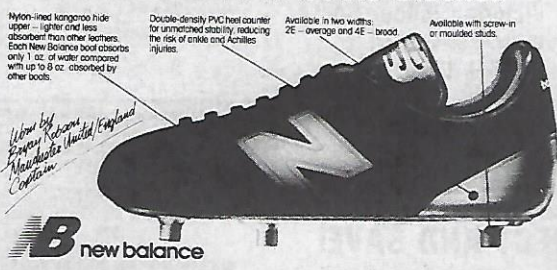
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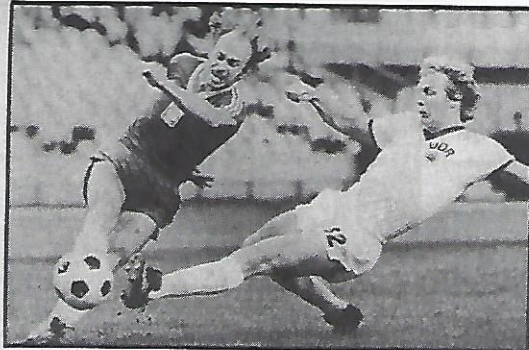
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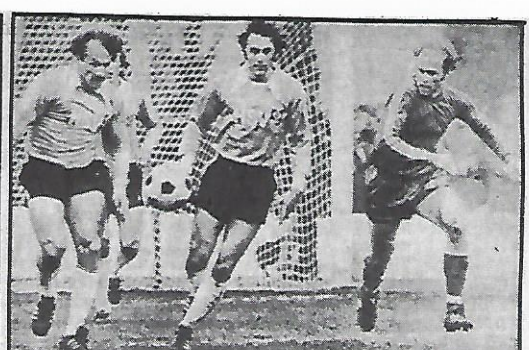
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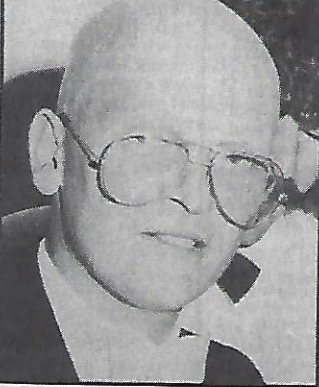
● Grzegorz Lato (left) is tackled by Gerd Kische in the 1976 Olympic final, won by East Germany 3-1 in Montreal.



● Lato (right) with the great Zbigniew Boniek, his team-mate in Poland's World Cup side of 1982.



● Lato (right) in action against Hamburger SV, pursues opponents Ettmayer and Ruemann.



● APIA full back Tom Steven

Two more Poles to join Lato

APIA v Inter-Monaro
Lambert Park, Sunday 3 pm
APIA pinched Grzegorz Lato from under the noses of Polonia-Sydney officials.

"We beat them to it," is the way APIA president Nick Papallo puts it.

And two more Polish players will join Lato at APIA.

One is a forward, one a midfielder. Lato, 36, on April 8, was top scorer of the 1974 World Cup finals, with seven goals.

Polish team-mate Andrzej Szarmach was runner-up with

five goals, along with Johann Neeskens with five. Next, on four, were Johnny Rep (Holland), Ralf Edstroem (Sweden) and Gerd Mueller (W. Germany).

Lato, who played in Poland for Stal Mielec, and in Belgium for Lokeren, lately has been playing indoor soccer in the US and outdoor soccer in Canada.

Only Polish-sponsored teams have been able to lure Polish players but APIA is the exception, thanks to coach Rale Rasic.

"Rale had met Lato, and he did all the negotiating," Papallo says. "As for the other two Polish players, well, Rale had some friends, and his reputation helped a lot as well."

Lato scored the goal that gave

Poland a 1-0 victory over Brazil in the third-place play-off in the 1974 World Cup. Rasic and his Socceroos also competed that year, losing 0-3 to West Germany and 0-2 to East Germany and drawing 0-0 with Chile.

They thus were beaten only by the world champion (W. Germany) and by the only team that beat the world champion (E. Germany).

Lato's other goals in the 1974 World Cup finals were: two against Argentina (3-2 win), two against Haiti (7-0), one against Sweden (1-0), one against Yugoslavia (2-1).

Lato also scored two goals in the 1978 World Cup in Argentina and one in Spain in 1982.

"He signed a contract in Canada, we're waiting for his international clearance, he should be here very shortly, and he'll be with us for at least a year," Papallo says.

Rasic's recruiting brilliance is only one of the qualities that have endeared him to the APIA administration. "He's our part-time coach, but he's here so often that if he were full-time, we'd have to give him bed and board," Papallo jokes.

While much has been said about Rasic's other recruits — Alex Bundalo, Zivko Hristovski, Tony Pezzano, Darren Stewart, and Mark Koussas, striker Leon Dounis has been largely ignored.

Yet much is expected of him — starting with Sunday's game against Frank Macaroni's Inter-Monaro outfit.

Dounis is a tall, well-built policeman, recruited from Canterbury-Marrickville. He suffered an injury shortly after joining APIA and had a knee operation.

APIA has revamped its Lambert Park facilities, providing comfortable, covered seating for spectators. Bob Powell is the full-time soccer secretary, assisted by Harry Ambrose, and the club has been getting a fair share of publicity so far.

With Rale Rasic at the helm, that goes without saying.

Meanwhile, mystery surrounds midfielder Jim Hamilton. Asked whether Hamilton had been offered to Sydney Olympic, Papallo said: "I can't say anything about that at the moment..."

— LAURIE SCHWAB

NKITOVIC WARNS VLADO STOSIC

By
KORNEL
KAMPEAN

Footscray JUST v Bris. Lions

Schintler Reserve, Sunday, 3pm

Footscray JUST will be in the top five, according to new goalkeeper Zoran Nikitovic, who played for Yugoslav youth and under 21 selections, and now takes over from long time favorite Dennis Boland.

Footscray JUST has

never prepared as hard and with better guidance than that of coach Drago Sekularac.

Nikitovic is aware of the pressure on the club to finish in the top five and thus qualify for the reduced 14-team league next season.

"We have been training together for a month or so and from what I've seen so far from the other teams, I think we'll achieve our goal."

He is impressed with the standard here, compared with

1978, when he played here for Partizan Belgrade on tour.

He regards Charlie Egan, Ken Murphy and Joe Sweeney highly and says players of that type are hard to find in Yugoslavia even at top level.

"The Scottish influence here is very strong, emphasising aggression and strong aerial play, whereas in my country strikers rely more on skill and are not as dangerous to play against."

At JUST he sees real potential in players like Latif Belic and Karic, who will be the backbone of the team and, together with Vlado Stosic and Vukcevic, will blend skill and aggression to form a style of play unique in Australia.

Nikitovic and Vukcevic were team mates at Buducnost while Stosic was Sekularac's pupil at Red Star Belgrade, so the four stars of JUST have been together before.

Nikitovic has achieved a lot for a 28-year-old playing in Yugoslavia, which claims to have the best goalkeepers in the world, he boasts a championship medal with Partizan and a European Champions medal with the Yugoslav Under 21 team, having played in the final, beating Italy 4-2 in the company of Zajec, Stojkovic, Halichodziec and the Vujovic twins.

He also played in the Yugoslav Cup final with Partizan during the three years he was with the club.

The current Red Star and Yugoslav goalkeeper, Gvoican, recommended Nikitovic to Sekularac as the keeper best suited for downunder.

Nikitovic says that Stosic is the right partner for Latif up front and that he may prove too good for the opposition.

"Stosic has the skill to take on the opposition but he'll find that it will be wiser to get rid of the ball much earlier, otherwise he'll get chopped down



● Zoran Nikitovic at training.

by desperate defenders," he said.

As for Vukcevic, who was captain at Buducnost and played for the Cosmos as well, Nikitovic believes JUST has the best possible defender.

"I would say that if we get a fullback plus a midfielder we have the complete team, but Seki is working hard with the present squad and everyone will benefit from him immensely. It is the reason why I came to play here and we'll do well."

Nikitovic wants to achieve success at JUST in the league and cups and as a professional player has the right attitude towards the strenuous training sessions conducted by "Seki". He does extra goalkeeping exercises with Seki as well as leading a sportsman's life.

He is here for one season and doesn't know at this stage whether he'll stay longer or even change clubs here, but at the moment has dedicated himself to bringing victories to success-starved JUST.

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• Paul Tzintzis

New men for Heidelberg?

H'berg Alexander v. AC-Juventus
Olympic Village, Sunday 3pm
Thank God for Ian McKie and Steve Marley, says Paul Tzintzis who is making the greatest comeback since Lazarus.

OK, so Lazarus has been done to death. ... Anyway, if it weren't for McKie and Marley, Tzintzis and his fellow forwards, Peter Tsolakis and John Metaxas would see even less of the ball.

The reason is that Heidelberg-Alexander has only one recognised midfielder, Theo Selemdis. The other two, Andy Higgins and Chris Katsakidis, are defenders.

"Ian and Steve help a lot in getting the ball forward. They're both brilliant. Without them we'd be in trouble," Tzintzis said.

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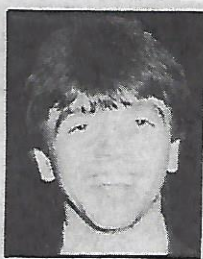
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• Con Opanisin



• Zoran Ilioski

Necovski, Cooper in the limelight

Bris. City v. Makedonia
Spencer Park, Sunday, 3pm.

"We let JUST play. That's why they thumped us 6-1 in a recent friendly but it'll be a different ball game once the league season starts. Brisbane City will find that out," said Makedonia sweeper Con Opanisin.

"Miski will surprise them. His biggest assets are his speed and his ability to get stuck in, which is unusual for Yugoslavs."

Necovski is a former Vardar, Pelister and Ohrid player, but he was injured last week-end, so there's doubt about his availability for the Brisbane City match.

Zoran Ilioski returned from overseas last week and played well against Heidelberg in the Nanda Cup. According to Opanisin, Ilioski may have to work on his fitness in coming weeks.

"He's (Ilioski) got an arse that hangs down to his knees now. We had a barbecue last week at our president's place and Zoran turned up in these jeans with his arse bulging out the back. It was gross," said Opanisin in fits of laughter.

(Ilioski can have a go at Opanisin next week.)

Makedonia has had quite a few injury problems. Ian Rodhouse is getting over an ankle injury, Ian Dobson is recovering from groin problems, Ron Campbell has injured ribs, Nick van Egmond has a bad ankle and Steve Smith only returned to the training track last week.

Brisbane City's acres could be Irish winger Keiran Cooper and Brazilian midfielder Roberto Lettieri, who is likely to play wide on the left in coach Jim Herimiston's probable 4-3-3 formation.

Cooper has proved to be an instant hit. The 23-year-old scored in his first full game and has been quick to adapt to the often rough-house style of Australian soccer.

The former Bray Wanderers player in the Irish First Division has no illusions about what is required here. He understands the importance of this National League season and knows that he has been brought to Australia for one reason — to score goals and that is something at which Cooper appears fairly adept.

In the recently completed Irish season he netted 16 goals in 18 league matches and five in eight cup games, his efforts helped Bray to a championship



• Mile Necovski

win and promotion to the League of Ireland.

Makedonia probably started the 1985 season in too adventurous a mood. Cole, Smith, Lane and Warren Spink (now trialing with Luton) were up front and coach Murray's aim of entertaining and getting results weren't fully realised.

Rest assured that Murray isn't the sort of man who makes the same mistakes twice.

He'll probably use a 4-4-2 formation against Brisbane City and if Cooper can be kept in check, Makedonia can win this one. But with Graham Heys sidelined through injury for perhaps another six weeks, young Mike McLennan will play left back.

There was speculation in the Melbourne press that Murray is on the hunt for a central defender. That makes sense for if Dobson is injured only young Billy Piculovski can take over.

Likely teams:

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart — Archer, Mengotti, Milovanovic, Bromfield — Hogg, Hamilton, Lettieri — Reis Cooper, Milosevic.

PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Traianedes — I. Rodhouse, Dobson, Opanisin, McLennan — Necovski, Petrov, R. Campbell, Ilioski — Cole, Lane.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE and RICKY ROSSO



• Mark Jankovics rides this sliding challenge from former Canberra player Duncan Cole.

The year of Marconi?

Wollongong v Marconi
Wollongong Showgrounds, Sunday 3pm.

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Auxerre 2 Bordeaux 2	1	0	0	2	2	3
Paris Saint-Germain 1 Lens 0	1	0	0	1	0	3
Nantes 0 Sochaux 0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Amiens 0 Laval 1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Bastia 0 Nice 2 Metz 1	0	0	0	2	1	0
Brest 2 Monaco 1	1	0	0	2	1	3
Nancy 1 Strasbourg 1	0	0	0	1	1	0
Le Havre 0 Lille 0	0	0	0	0	0	0

FRANCE	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
Paris S-G	21	9	3	60	27	51
Nantes	17	10	5	44	22	44
Bordeaux	16	11	6	47	37	43
Reims	15	7	12	53	41	37

ISRAEL	W	D	L	F	A	Pt
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Hapoel Kfar Sava 2 Hapoel Petah Tikva 0	1	0	0	2	0	3
Betar Jerusalem 1 Hapoel Jerusalem 0	1	0	0	1	0	3
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Maccabi Haifa	11	6	4	30	15	39
Betar Jerusalem	11	4	3	22	17	37
Hapoel Tel Aviv	8	8	8	29	39	33

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Canberra signs Peruvian star

Canberra v. Blacktown

Nat. Sports Centre, Sunday, 3pm

"I'd love to stick it up Canberra. Last year when I was with Inter Monaro I did army-style training before the two games against Canberra because I was determined to do well."

That's Tony Brennan talking. Blacktown's new striker, and if his boots are as fast as his tongue on Sunday, Canberra is in for a hiding.

Brennan is a former Canberra player but he left the club under a cloud. He didn't exactly leave neighboring Inter Monaro on friendly terms either.

"The Canberra clubs don't do anything for me. I wasn't interested in playing for them. Blacktown has a very, very strong club and our coach, Casey de Bruin, is an excellent motivator. We'll have a good year, especially if we can get away to a good start. We'll make the top five."

Brennan has no fears about the opposition on Sunday at the National Sports Centre.

"Canberra has a lot of old, very experienced players but they haven't got legs. Manis Lamond is the only real runner in the side and Canberra will rely on defending against him."

Canberra will employ an innovative incentive payment system this season to help spur their players to greater heights.

Canberra's scheme, which has replaced the signing-on fee system used by many clubs, is based on a money-for-points incentive. The more points the club earns in the championship the more dollars the players will get.

As the club secretary, Tasso Samios, explained, the players will have more to play for than just pride and job satisfaction.

"The players stand to earn good money if the club performs well on the field this year," Samios said.

The club will be paying the usual match payment fees of \$300 a win, \$200 a draw and \$100 a loss, but it is the incentive scheme which could, in the end, benefit the players the most.

The system works like this. The club's 16 contracted players are graded according to experience and ability. The highest ranked player is worth \$100 a point and the lowest \$50.

If, for example, the club finishes with the maximum number of points during the season (44), then the highest-rated player could earn an extra \$4,400 on top of his normal match payments.

But if the club finishes without a point...

Samios believes the system to be much fairer than the traditional signing-on format.

"A lot of clubs are now avoiding paying out signing-on fees," he said. "Under our format we believe both the club and the player are given a fair deal."

"It is all up to the players."

Last year Canberra paid out "between \$70,000 and \$80,000" in player payments and hopes to pay out much more this year.

"Of course, if we have to pay more this year then it goes without saying that the team has performed well during the season," Samios said.

Canberra expected former Peruvian international Augustos Palacios to arrive in Australia as we went to press and plans to use him in the Nanda Cup tonight (Wednesday).

Palacios, with Scottish striker John Bourke, has signed to play this season and much is expected from the classy midfielder.

Brennan will watch the Nanda Cup clash between Inter Monaro and Canberra tonight. Seifert Oval and will report back to de Bruin on the Canberra line-up and tactics.

Blacktown will go into its clash with Canberra as favorite and should win. Up front, Brennan is one of five players vying for three berths. The others are Joe Carroll, Rob Slater, Peter Denyer and Brett Thornthwaite. Although the least experienced of the five, Thornthwaite has been in fine form and should get his game. Slater has a slight injury problem but should be able to overcome it in time for this match.

Tommy Sermann, John Michaelis, Steve Bryant and Palacios will ensure that Canberra is very competitive in midfield while the experience of Peter Burke and Jim Harkins will be relied on to keep Blacktown's impressive strike force at bay.

I don't think they can. Blacktown should be too mobile and Canberra's attack doesn't look strong enough yet to crack the wall put up by Don Macleod, Geoff Ainsworth and Peter Willis.

— CRAIG MCKENZIE



● Tony Brennan, then with Canberra, gets in his shot despite a sliding tackle from Ian Souness of Sydney City Hakoah. Brennan lines up against Canberra this weekend and is determined to do well.



● Eddie Krncevic, then of Marconi, rises above David Jones of Adelaide Juventus.

\$200,000 move for Krncevic

Former Soccerroo Eddie Krncevic will transfer from Cercle Bruges to another Belgian club, FC Liege, for \$200,000.

French clubs Lille, Metz and St. Etienne and Anderlecht of Belgium also had been bidding for Krncevic, the former Marconi and Melbourne Croatia striker scored 14 goals in the Belgian First Division this season.

He will be back in Melbourne during the off season and is willing to play guest games here.

He took a swipe at Soccerroo coach Frank Arok, saying: "I don't want to play for Australia as long as Arok is there. I was disappointed that he didn't call me up last time. Watching those games against Scotland I felt I could have helped. I'm not saying we would have qualified but I know I could have contributed."

AROK READY FOR ROZIC

Syd. Croatia v St George 3

Croatian Sports Centre, Sunday, 7pm.

Sydney Croatia is predictable. Losing Jim Patikas to AEK Athens has seriously weakened its ability to play on the break. Croatia is weaker than last year while St George is stronger and Croatia hasn't won a home game against St George.

These are the reasons why St George will at least get a point, according to Saints and Soccerroo coach Frank Arok.

Arok isn't worried about Croatia's star import Ante Rumora from Dinamo Zagreb, reasoning that the presence of the attacking midfielder will do nothing to change the match plan of player-coach Vedran Rozic.

"Rozic is the free man at the back and he concentrates on playing long balls but, without Patikas, Croatia hasn't got the right player for that type of game. I've never been in favor of that style of play but it worked well for Croatia last year so good luck to them," said Arok.

"We have to ensure that we always have the men to track down their front runners. Graham Arnold doesn't often turn with the ball and is used as a target man. It's Emil Drgicvic and Zeljko Jurin who are the wide runners and the guys who are supposed to capitalise on the

long balls played from the back. If you keep those guys quiet, Croatia finds it very hard to score.

"I don't know much about Rumora but usually it takes players from Yugoslavia a couple of months to settle in. They can be a bit tentative at first, especially if they're tackled hard. Jurin was pretty ordinary at first and it took him time to get used to Australian soccer but he had a very good season last year and he's playing quite well right now."

Arok is building a new team at St George. Mike Boogardt from Newcastle Rosebud, Yugoslav imports Miklos Orszagh and Zoran Belusic and Scottish import Stewart Potter are likely to be in his starting line-up and he refuses suggestions that Belusic and Potter are too similar to form a good striking combination.

"Porter is more of a target man. Belusic is mobile. He's a runner who can come from behind and they should be able to work well."

"But right now, we're struggling a bit to put two successive quality performances together. That sort of consistency will come in time."

Maybe so, but Zarko Odzakovic is the classiest midfielder on show and his form so early in the season suggest that he's in for another big year.

Rozic won't surprise Arok tactically. If there's to be a surprise in the game, it could be the result — a win to St George — but a draw still looks as the best bet.

— CRAIG MCKENZIE



● Joe Senkalski (left) in action for the Soccerroos against Greece in 1979. Second from right is former Soccerroo captain Murray Barnes.

The end for Senkalski?

Syd. Hakoah v. Newc. Rosebud

Woy Woy Oval, Saturday, 3pm.

Newcastle Rosebud was wondering whether or not it would have to add former Soccerroo midfielder Joe Senkalski to its missing list as we went to press.

Newcastle coach Peter Irving, in his first season in the NSL, was disgusted with Senkalski's display against Inter Monaro in the NSW Ampol Cup quarter-finals and let his thoughts be known.

Senkalski admitted that he had lost his passion for the game and was finding it increasingly hard to motivate himself. Irving suggested that Senkalski take a couple of weeks off to decide his future and D-day was last Monday.

If Senkalski quits he'll be the eighth player to go from

last year's first team squad. Mike Boogardt joined St George for \$3,500, Andrew Thompson has left but hasn't found a club. Simon Brandt went to Olympic for \$3,500. Dean Milosevic joined Brisbane City for \$1,000, David Jones joined Austral United for \$1,000, Darryn Stewart joined APIA for \$1,000 and Bernard Kerby joined Highfield Azzurri.

So Newcastle Rosebud doesn't stand much of a chance against Sydney City Hakoah on Saturday.

Clint Gosling will be in the Newcastle Rosebud goal. Milosevic's young brother, Ross, probably will line up at right back with last year's youth team captain, Mathew Garland, at left back. The central defenders are likely to be Ian Bannon, signed on a one-year loan from Lake Macquarie, and youth Soccerroo Mark Jones.

Irving has to decide whether to use Neil Owens at the back or in midfield. His other midfield possibilities are Ralph Maier, Bobby Naumov, English imports Paul Crabtree and John Cavanah and maybe Senkalski.

Up front, little Derek Todd will carry the brunt of the workload. He may be partnered by youth Soccerroo Sean Ingham but Scott Haynes also is vying for a berth. Haynes is from local club Cardiff as is Dale Rowney who is sidelined with a groin injury.

Newcastle's bid to do well this season and stay in the revamped 14-team NSL next

year won't get off to a flying start against a Hakoah squad brimful of quality. Todd Clarke, Robert Hooker, Alex Robertson, Steve O'Connor, Joe Watson, Gerardo Gomez, Paul Kay, Murray Barnes, Ian Souness, Grant Lee, John Kosmina and Frank Farina all have played for Australia at either senior or youth levels. That says it all.

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● Steve Moore

Chipping in for Moore

● Steve Moore, former Slavia, Western Suburbs, Northcote and Morwell Falcons star and "Soccer Action's" 1983 Victorian State League Player of the Year, won't play soccer again as the result of injuries received in a car crash last December.

Moore was operated on for a second time last week. His injuries include a broken hip and a broken leg.

Moore was one of the finest midfielders to grace the State league in the 1980s. He was the target of Melbourne-based National League clubs and could have expected to play at a high level for another three or four years at least.

He has many friends throughout Victoria's soccer fraternity, among them Joe Docherty, Paddy McElhinney, Mick McGorran, Jim MacLean and David Webb and they're rallying to the cause.

McElhinney has established a testimonial fund for Moore and donations can be sent to McElhinney at 382 Bay Road, Cheltenham.

A benefit dance will be held at St Mary's Hall in Dandenong road, East St Kilda on Saturday, April 5. Details can be obtained from Docherty, McElhinney, McGorran, MacLean or Webb and "Soccer Action" joins with them in appealing to all soccer fans to support someone who has provided entertainment for all of us in recent seasons.

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THE INDOOR BOOM (international rules)

Makedonia 11 United Nations 0

Scorers: Risteovski 2, Kondinski 2, Salas 2, Fouldalis 4, Jakobovic.

Nobody likes a loser! More to the point, nobody likes being a loser.

The old adage rang true during this youth match between Makedonia and United Nations. Makedonia started the season in poor form failing to impress during its practice matches and then struggling to a draw against junior counterpart Makedonia A in the first match.

So, heading into the third round of the season, the Inform Junior Cosmos had earned the mantle as outright favorites for the championship.

The Makedonia solution to this early-season problem is to play aggressively and recruit aggressively. In recruiting Vasko Risteovski and Danny Jakobovic to combine with Velce Kondinski and Louis Salas, Makedonia has the biggest line-up in the competition with all players taller than six feet and a talented bench in Andonovski, Fouldalis and Frangou.

Unfortunately the small United Nations players were fixtured to face the brunt of the aggressive play of the rejuvenated Makedonia.

Four-goal Fouldalis

Playing a diamond defensive formation, Makedonia had Risteovski playing as striker, Kondinski at full back and Jakobovic and Salas as sweepers with Kondinski occasionally becoming a striker and Fouldalis also substituting in that position.

Goals soon became the order of the day, all going past the desperate Nations goal keeper Saso Sarkovski.

Several goals were the result of intercepted passes from the Makedonia press and a few more came from excellent team work as the ball was passed quickly down the court. It was 6-0 at half-time.

Frank Konstantellos, Bill Kousidis and Christos Antoniou to their credit didn't give up, however the num-

ber of times they progressed beyond the centre line could be counted on one hand and these moves usually resulted in a long shot at goal which was easily saved by Makedonia keeper George Cavako.

On the other hand, Makedonia continued its relentless onslaught. Kondinski, Jakobovic, and Fouldalis kicked a goal each and Salas scored two.

Each goal came as a result of the Makedonia pressure defence and fast passing game when moving forward. A touch of professional flair often left the United Nations players sprawling as Kondinski and Co faked and dummed passes and shots at goal as they powered their way to an 11-0 victory.

Senior results: Makedonia 6, Oz United 2, Cosmos 2, Split 2, Euronations 5, Mutundies 1.

Youth result: Makedonia B 11, United Nations 0, Devils 3, Makedonia A 2.

SENIOR STANDINGS										
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Makedonia	3	0	0	9	2	9				
Euronations	2	0	1	9	5	7				
Goedonyia	2	0	1	4	5	7				
Cosmos	2	0	0	8	5	6				
Split	1	0	2	7	8	5				
Mutundies	1	0	2	8	10	5				
Oz United	0	0	2	5	10	2				

YOUTH STANDINGS										
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Jnr Cosmos	3	0	0	10	4	9				
Makedonia B	2	1	0	12	1	8				
Devils	2	0	1	4	4	7				
United Nations	1	0	2	5	20	5				
Makedonia A	0	1	2	4	6	4				

ELIMINATORS WIN THRILLER

Eliminators 7 Carcioffo R.4

ELIMINATORS: Kondinski 9, Giacomi 9, Bissetto, Terzini 8, Boin 8.
CARCIOFFO: Cesarini 8, Stocco 8, Sella 9, Sparano 8, Tocchetto 9, Del Castello 8, Gattino 8.

This game was sure to be an exciting one as Carcioffo Rangers were looking for a win after having been defeated by Eliminators two weeks earlier.

Both teams play a similar game but as the game progressed, Eliminators defensive skills proved too much for Rangers.

After the first five minutes, Eliminators were playing with four players as Kondinski accidentally scored a ball in the face which kept him out of the game for almost the whole of the first half.

Shots at goal were made by both sides but keepers Daniel Cesarini and Maurice Terzini were not allowing any goals through.

Eliminators first three goals came from Bissetto

and Boin, then Rangers player Gattino intercepted a pass from Giacomi and scored the first goal for Rangers.

Bissetto's third goal and Eliminators fourth came from a lob off Giacomi which he collected onto his chest, turned and dropped it to his feet, juggled it about and followed through with a left foot drive to score a magnificent goal.

The second half began with a goal from Silvio Sella for the Rangers.

Minutes later, the amazing Sella scored again bringing the Rangers closer to the Eliminators. The Eliminators answered with a number of shots, all well saved by Cesarini.

Then Kondinski, back on the field and raring to go, scored his first. Shots were then made by almost every player but it was Boin for the Eliminators who found a gap and put the ball past the keeper.

A cross from Bissetto to Giacomi saw another open goal easily taken. Ivan Stocco of the Rangers scored the last goal of the match.

Both teams gave their best and made the game very exciting and thrilling to watch.

Vasco da Gama 3 Furious Five 4

VASCO: A. Stasi 8, H. Stergiou 7, J. Tanevski 8, V. Tanevski 8, B. Grbac 7.
FURIOUS FIVE: M. Eideh 8, H. Eideh 8, T. Galatopoulos 8, M. Panagouto 7, L. Stildis 8, M. Tenace.

The game began with the Furious Five putting the first score on the board from Michael Panagouto.

Muzi Eideh's attempts at goal were all in vain as Vasco's keeper was too good at the time. Vasco's players were sent running after any free ball and it was Albert Stasi, on his second attempt, that gave Vasco their first goal.

Then it was Galatopoulos who chipped a beautiful ball over a Vasco player which slipped past the finger tips of keeper Tanevski and made the score 2-1.

Stildis for Five scored soon after, bringing the score to 3-1. The score quickly became 3-2 after

the kick-off saw the ball at Stasi's feet and then in the net.

The second half was fast and exciting, both teams close in ability and hungry for goals. Tanevski scored for Vasco and Stildis for Five and the game ended 4-3.

Results: Wanders 3 Gladiators 3, Eliminators 7 Carcioffo Rangers 4, Eliminators 13 Wanderers 0, Furious Five 4 Vasco 3.

Senior Standings										
	W	D	L	F	A	Pt				
Eliminators	4	0	0	29	8	12				
Furious Five	2	0	1	13	8	7				
Carcioffo Rangers	1	0	1	13	9	4				
Wanders	0	1	2	5	25	4				
Gladiators	0	1	1	4	10	3				
Vasco da Gama	0	0	2	5	9	2				

TOP SCORERS
1 — Maurice Bissetto (E)
9 — Silvio Sella (Cr)
8 — Velce Kondinski (E)
5 — Michael Panagouto (FF), Ernie Boin (E)

Roos 'skin' Cats

In the Women's competition in the Latrobe Valley, league leaders Soceroos had a convincing win over newcomers Cats.

The Soceroos' 5-1 win was spearheaded by Sue Lloyd scoring three brilliant goals. Other goalscorers were Tanya Beaton and Narelle Kay.

Despite the Cats persistent attempts to break the Soceroos' defence they only were capable of notching up one goal by Barb Newey.

Lloyd's game-winning performance can be attributed to the invitation she has just received from the Australian Indoor Soccer Federation to try out for selection with the National Women's team.

Her talents were recognised by national selectors at the Australian National Championships held recently in Adelaide.

Fourth placed men's team Spartans are improving their team play with every performance and their game against league leaders Wallabies was no exception. Spartans almost provided the upset of the season but were narrowly beaten 7-5.

In this lightning-fast, high-scoring game, the

superior team work of the Wallabies gave them the winning edge.

Pino Di Giulio, back for his first game, scored two goals, as did Paul Brabbin, while Joe Tanti scored three goals. For the Spartans, David Wilsons scored two goals and Neil Lawson three.

Lack of independent referees continues to be a major problem for indoor soccer.

While there is never a shortage of players willing to referee, anyone interested in becoming an official referee would be most welcome.

With the Latrobe Valley's involvement in Victoria's State League, local referees will be required for these top level games, so if you want to get involved in one of the World's fastest growing sports or you want a change of sport then indoor soccer has a lot to offer.

Men's results: Monash 7 Trak Records 2, Gipstars 6 Miki Motos 0, Wallabies 7 Spartans 5, Wallies won on forfeit from Home Pride Crusaders.

Women's results: Soceroos 3 Femme Fatale 1, Rico Reds 0, Miki Motos 0, Soceroos 5 Cats 1.

Men's standings: Wallabies 10, Gipstars 8, Monash 8, Spartans 6, Wallies 4, Trak Records 0, Home Pride Crusaders 0.

Women's standings: Soceroos 9, Miki Motos 8, Rico Reds 5, Cats 4, Turfites 4, Femme Fatale 0.

PRESENTING: ERNIE BOIN



Ernie Boin (pictured) has played soccer for only seven years, starting his career later than most. He has played his outdoor soccer at the same club, Bulleen Veneto, at which he has won awards for best and fairest in the juniors and seniors as well as the most improved player award.

Indoor soccer does a lot for Ernie. It improves his skills and makes him more competitive, as well as being a very enjoyable game to play with his friends. "It's great for keeping the weight off too," says Ernie.

Ernie has had quite a lot of success as a member of two indoor soccer teams which have won three finals in two seasons.

He also was part of the Preston team which played in Adelaide for the Australian championships. Ernie has been selected for the Australian team and is very pleased about that, considering his short career in indoor soccer.

His greatest achievements to date have been winning promotion at Bulleen under former coach Tony Vrzina who he admires greatly, and winning the Italian Cup in which he played very well, fighting his way back into the team after being injured.

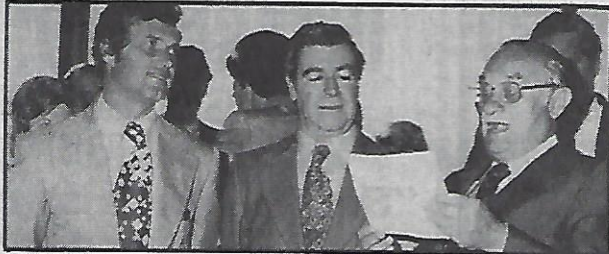
To his friends Ernie is known as "BHP" the quiet achiever. You can understand why if you see him playing.

He also is a member of the Preston/Thomastown national and state team, Eliminators.

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Andrew Dettre



I hope none of the hopeful succession aspirants will get mad at me — but I can't see any one of them as a soccer intellectual in the administrative sense.

And that's sad, really, what with Sir Arthur George reportedly determined to retire as ASF boss later this year or perhaps the next.

Nobody could accuse me of having been his sycophant, for all these years I have never been close to the man.

In fact, on more occasions than I can remember, I was critical of his actions — or lack of them — and attitudes though, perhaps, not using the same choice language as Rasic, a Scheinflug or some other bitter opponent would have.

And yet, despite all this, I say the old man will be very hard to replace.

Not because he was such a great president — but because the next one is likely to be even less successful.

Arthur George always has been very good at making money for the ASF: from a variety of sponsorship sources, huge amounts (by our standards) were poured into the game.

He was, alas, much less successful in the spending of the money.

But that's the difficult job, really, for any president, who has to please so many states and other interests in order to stay in office.

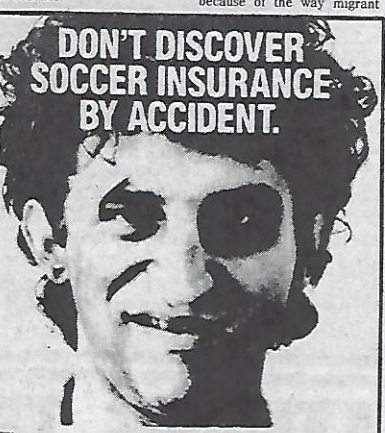
And when he leaves his post, there won't be a simple project, edifice or program that he can look back on as an enduring testament to his decade-plus at the helm.

This shouldn't be too hard to rectify as Arthur George happens to be a very rich man, his worth valued at some \$50 million by business sources.

He could, if he wanted to, donate a couple of million or so towards the buying and then enlarging of an existing stadium in order to give soccer a reasonably modern and central HQ.

I believe the St. George stadium would be for sale, at a fair price — and it would be perfect to live on as the Arthur George Stadium, commemorating our long serving president.

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Memo Sir Arthur: lobby FIFA now!

From the proceeds of the Foundation capital, two or three coaches could spend a few very useful months overseas studying their craft and bringing back a wealth of experience Australian soccer could use.

Maybe a million would do for this, properly invested (and AG is an expert at that) it would provide enough cash to finance the study of those coaches every year — and still keep the capital intact.

If I am not mistaken, he does have a similar project for Greek boys and girls at one of the Sydney universities.

Whether the soon-to-retire ASF president has any such philanthropic gestures in mind I wouldn't know.

But this is what a man of his age and means should do for the game he undoubtedly loves, as he contemplates a well earned retirement.

Before he goes, however, there is just one more little thing I would like to see him perform, beg, cajole, harangue or blackmail FIFA into treating Australia a trifle more honestly and fairly in the World Cup draws.

And the time to perform this trick is right now, not in 1988 when the actual elimination groups are drawn up.

Everybody even in Europe, except the most sadistic and parochial, agree that lumping

● Happy days. It's 1974 and the Socceroos are about to set out for the World Cup finals in West Germany. Sir Arthur George (right) reads a message of encouragement to the team. National coach Rale Rasic is at right, next to the late Frank Stewart, former Federal Minister of Sport.

the Oceania winner with a European group runner-up was bordering on the indecent and insane.

We would not have minded, I guess, playing another Asian winner or runner-up — an Iraqi or a South Korean — but how, in heaven's name, can FIFA justify bringing Australia and Scotland together, unless the idea was to give Europe an extra soft spot in the Mexico finals.

And now, we hear, things could get even worse: next time the Oceania winner may have to play off against a South American giant.

This time, I guess, it would have been either Chile or Peru, in the context of their elimination system.

Australia should argue now and argue loudly that by forcing us to play-offs outside our region, FIFA reneged on its own principle which calls for soccer development throughout the world, not just in the established continents.

Arthur George should begin to assemble a small team around him and a modest library of facts, figures and arguments that could be deployed at every opportunity, starting with the FIFA Congress in Mexico City.

European or South American hook should be the president's parting salvo, his opus magnum, his crowning glory.

Yes, of course, those few million bucks I mentioned earlier...

TO THE EDITOR...

State leagues only way

SIR — The comments of Guy Spiteri (Green Gully) as quoted in 'Soccer Action' about the restructuring of the National League make good sense and deserve more attention.

In a huge country like this, with its scattered population centres, it is silly to persist with a system that evolved in the smaller national territories that make up Europe.

Strong 12 or 14 club State Leagues were the basis of soccer's development around Australia and drew good crowds because of the way migrant

groups identified with their ethnic clubs in the years when Australia was still an alien place to so many of the newcomers. Then, there was always a sprinkling of 'name' players to strengthen interest for those of us not tied by sentiment to a particular club.

Today, the sentimental ties are not so strong. Many migrant communities are well established and can give a variety of support services to more recent arrivals. The ethnic factor in soccer's crowd-pulling potential is probably past its peak for this reason and the game must rely on its own drawing power as a spectacle to a greater extent.

Unfortunately, all around the world, the great game is having trouble competing against more up-market sports except for some notable exceptions. In Italy massive crowds follow the giants of Turin, Milan, Rome and Naples and the Italian First Division is generally regarded as the best standard of football of any domestic competition, if not the most competitive over all its member clubs.

In Australia, we must face several unpalatable facts about ourselves. Soccer will probably always be the poor relation when it comes to media interest, although it may win itself a somewhat better deal as the national team improves. Its standing and local players continue to make the grade overseas.

Money is never going to be in abundance for soccer in Australia and ways must be found to prevent it being dissipated widely over eight or more levels of semi-professional clubs amounting to hundreds in many instances, the standard of football played in the various divisions of the sub-State leagues is very uneven and there are obviously not enough quality players grouped in one or at most two divisions to make a real difference in overall standards.

One could argue that the laissez faire approach will eventually enable the most effectively organised clubs to rise to the top and that the best players will be drawn into elite company. But the process will

take years while lowly clubs spend the hard-earned cash, squeezed from long-suffering members, by tenacious committees in a drive for glory, spurred on by a certain lack of objectivity about the realities of existence.

We may not have the time to allow natural selection to weed out the reckless, the vain, the gluttonous and the stragglers. I believe a comprehensive plan for soccer's development to full professional status is the way to go. Limits must be taken on the number of clubs allowed to pay more than out-of-pocket expenses to their players. Inevitably there would be illegal payments, but there is a lawless element in every aspect of society and a system of heavy fines and suspensions would make all but the most determined offender think twice, provided the chance of being detected was reasonably good.

With unrestricted player payments allowed in only the top two divisions this would give scope for up to 28 clubs to be professional and to compose the State League with automatic promotion and relegation.

Such a number of clubs would give a chance to the most enterprising to take the giant step to full-time professionalism for some or all of the senior squad or to put money into youth development without the fear of losing everything as a result of two bad seasons.

The climax of the league season would be the national play-offs among the State champions of all States to find the premier club of Australia.

Alternatively, there would be an Australian Cup run on the lines of the European Cup through the normal season.

Because of the fortunes of the national team have such an impact, an interstate competition, hosted by each State in turn, is a must to bring all of the best players together in one place from all parts of our vast country, so that the national coach and his helpers can see them under the best possible conditions of top-level competitive pressure.

This could be run in the close season or end of season and if the inter-state rivalry is

brought to the fore, could even become a real source of extra income for the top players and the Federal and State bodies, and a cheaper proving ground for the Under 21 would-be senior international players than having to send them overseas for extended tours.

Below the State League's two divisions the existing lower divisions would be broken up and recombined into District Leagues of one or two divisions as necessary to cut down the expenses involved in travelling and to encourage greater identification with local communities at soccer's grass-roots.

In time, local leagues would

bring the soccer minded segment of each district closer together and soccer hotbeds might emerge comparable with the grass roots soccer of other countries.

The system would not be completely closed at the level of State League Div II. The bottom club(s) would have to gain approval to retain membership if it came bottom of the league for (say) three seasons in a row, and any club that considered itself capable of gearing up to meet the (hopefully) higher standard of operation on and off the field, would be invited to apply for entry. There would also be the possi-

bility of a take-over of one club by another as has happened from time to time.

I believe that my proposed system or some variant of it, would enable the funds available for soccer expenditure to be spread more widely and so provide for the payment of a small number of overseas 'name' players to be signed for one or two seasons and ensure that all of the best local players play in the same league to give a better uniform standard, with greater competition within as well as among teams.

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Heard the latest news about Craig Johnston?

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Little about him makes news anymore. Little about him that's news is quite believable.

As cliched as that may sound, I believe Johnston is a most misunderstood man.

Having met him and having talked to him socially a number of times, I found him immensely complex, spiritually a maze of colors, standing in the spotlight of a world which prefers to see things only in black and white.

Either he wants to play for Australia or not! Now which is it?

If only it were quite that simple, which it might be for players whose professional careers are not obstructed by an unfailing commitment to one's country and flag.

Or for national coaches who want good players to play for them, not excuses.

My personal impression, first of all, of Johnston is that he is an Australian through and through. And never mind his South African birthright and all this bull about British parentage.

His love of Australia, its people, its weather and its everything is difficult to dispute. I will lay bets now that at the end of his European career this is where he will settle, unlike our much beloved golfers and tennis players who are always so ready to perform for Australia.

Trouble is too many people confuse love of one's country with blind patriotism. Where one, to me, has nothing to do with the other. Patriotism, in today's usage, is the mindless waving of flags. An unreasonable allegiance to a nation.

Love of one's country is simply love of one's country. He is also a most ambitious young man. No less



● Craig Johnston



LES MURRAY

ambitious now than when he traded in the sun and the surf for the bleak tenebrisms of brass-monkey Middlesbrough at the age of 17.

And he was pretty ambitious then. Single minded, too, as all ambitious men have to be in order to realise anything.

His ambition by necessity took him to Europe, a couple of continents away, from where, let's be truthful, it is not easy to represent Australia. Just ask Eddie Krncevic and Andrew Bernal. And you might want to also ask Oscar Crino and Jimmy Patikas before too long.

And Tony Dorigo who once told Frank Ark that he wants to see whether either England or Italy

wants him before he would consider being a Socceroo.

In fact, in the history of Australian soccer, expatria-

tion, there has been just one player who played for Australia while still under contract to a European club — Alan Davidson.

Johnston's public image suffered from his continual confessions to a desire, or at least a willingness, to play for either England or Scotland.

Such sacrilege! Yet his disdain for those countries is written in those very confessions. That he cares not which of them he plays for ought to tell the whole story that he can't care much for either of them.

What Johnston's critics fail to see is that he doesn't want to play for either England or Scotland per se.

What he wants to do is play in the World Cup, the most glamorous event of them all — more glamorous than the European and Wembley Cup finals he already has appeared in.

In fact his admission to being open to offers from whichever British team wants him has, in my view, undone his chances.

Being a passionate Scottish, English, Welsh, or whatever patriot, still carries a lot of weight in Britain when it comes to national representation.

The people and the other players want to see genuine Scots in the Scotland team and English in the England team, not outsiders who just want to play in the World Cup.

Which is why, by being too open and too honest, I believe Johnston has blown his World Cup chances.

I mean, if he wanted to be craftier about the thing, he could have lied and pretended to be a genuine Scot, wearing kilts, eating haggis and all.

It is possible that with firmer commitment from Johnston, coupled with a less blunder-prone Australian administration, he could have played for Australia by now. It hardly matters.

But the future does. Alright, Johnston is no Maradona. But he's good enough to play for Liverpool and good enough to play for us. We need him and we should want him.

And as Johnston, like us, watches the Mexico thing on television, we can gloat about his misfortune.

Because time is on the side of him playing for Australia.

He still has no British passport and neither, I believe, will he have a need for one. And where genuine allegiance are concerned, Craig Johnston qualifies for just one country — Australia.

If he really wants to play in the World Cup, he may need us more than we need him.

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• Lou Hristodoulou rises above Beograd opponents to head goalwards during the South Australian Anpoel Cup.

The NSL's new glamor team

Adelaide Hellas has been transformed into the glamor team of the NSL by president Frank Karagiannis and coach Neil McGachey.

To recapture the glory of Hellas's 1978 championship year, Karagiannis has spared no expense in signing the players McGachey believes can win a second NSL title.

They are: Charlie Yankos, Socceron sweeper signed from Heidelberg for \$36,000; Robbie Dunn, also a Socceron, who returns to Hellas from Preston-Makedonia for \$21,000; Brian McLaughlin from Scotland; and Lou Hristodoulou from the Australian Institute of Sport.

Equipped with these superstars, plus exciting players like George Konstandopoulos Gary Price and Allan Scott, Hellas is sure to be one of the most strongly supported teams in Australia this year.

FIXTURES FOR 1986

ADELAIDE



HOME

Round 1, March 30: v George Cross; Round 3, April 13: v Makedonia; Round 4, April 20: v Green Gully; Round 6, May 11: v Heidelberg; Round 8, May 25: v Brisbane Lions; Round 10, June 15: v South Melbourne Hellas; Round 12, June 29: v Brunswick Juventus; Round 15, July 20: v Footscray JUST; Round 17, August 10: v Adelaide Juventus; Round 19, August 24: v Melbourne Croatia.

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ADELAIDE HELLAS



McLaughlin led Motherwell to the title

By PAUL MOON

Few can be more aware than Brian McLaughlin just how fickle the finger of fate can be when it intervenes in a footballer's career.

Adelaide Hellas' Scottish recruit was 17 when recognised as a player of exceptional promise by the late Jack Stein, who signed him for Glasgow Celtic.

McLaughlin was groomed carefully for stardom and nurtured in Celtic's reserves, with an occasional outing with the first team thrown in to gain experience.

Any hopes that McLaughlin would become a natural successor to the great Jimmy Johnstone (whom he briefly replaced on the Celtic right wing) were to be shattered however by a serious injury which kept him out of the game for a long period.

When fitness finally was regained, he looked only a shadow of his former self and Celtic had few qualms about releasing him after only seven Scottish League appearances.

The Celts wanted Ayr United's brilliant young defender Joe Rippi and eventually the two clubs agreed upon a transfer deal — Rippi would go to Parkhead for £20,000, with McLaughlin moving to Ayr.

Ayr, at the time, was entrenched at the bottom of the Scottish Premier Division, with little hope of avoiding relegation. Ayr did indeed drop, but McLaughlin could gain considerable comfort from the fact that he was now experiencing regular first team football, had proved himself fit enough to withstand its rigors and looked every inch a player of Premier Division class. Further consolation came through scoring the winning goal when Ayr shocked Celtic late in the season.

Back in Division One, the "Honest Men" ended up a middle of the ladder position, but McLaughlin, the team's leading goalscorer (despite now operating in midfield), always looked worthy of better things.

He appeared set to join Dundee United and return to the Premier Division in 1979. Terms with Ayr had been agreed, only for McLaughlin to balk at the prospect of leaving Dundee — a strict rule of the United manager, Jim McLean, and the proposed move fell through.

A few months after rejecting Dundee United, McLaughlin did move, but to another first division club.



● Brian McLaughlin, in action for Motherwell.

Motherwell was a very ambitious and wealthy outfit — sufficiently so to part with \$200,000 to acquire the gifted midfielder.

That fee proved a bargain as McLaughlin established himself among Scotland's most skilful performers.

The Lanarkshire club swept to the 1981-82 First Division title in impressive style, with the former Celtic man equal top goalscorer with 20 goals.

Unfortunately, his return to Premier Division fare was not the success most anticipated. Injuries and conflicts with new manager Jack Wallace limited opportunities and, before the 1982-83 season was completed, the linkman was on his way to Hamilton Academicals for \$40,000 (the highest fee ever paid by the famous old "Accies").

From that point, all momentum was lost.

McLaughlin made just 15 league appearances for Hamilton and a further 12 (seven as substitute) with Falkirk. His last game in Scottish senior soccer took place during October, 1984 (bringing the total to 204, which yielded 70 goals).

22 in October, McLaughlin is in the veteran category, but hopefully a sufficient amount of the natural skills he obviously possesses remains for him to justify Hellas' faith.

If the fighting spirit and pride which enabled him to rise from the Celtic scrapheap to become, for a couple of seasons, one of the Scottish League's best midfielders, can be reproduced, Hellas has little to fear.

• ADELAIDE HELLAS, from left, standing: Gary Price, Nick Mousoulis, Robbie Dunn, Brenton Hiern, Gary Sproul, Graham Honeyman, Allan Scott, Steve Papadopoulos. Front: Tim Brown, Brian McLaughlin, Chris Manou, Charlie Yankos, George Konstantopoulos. Insets: Martyn Crook (left), and Hellas coach Neil McGachey. Picture: FRANK HOBBS.

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World Cup count-down: No. 9 — ENGLAND

Courage, hard running will not be enough

As the only European team to emerge from its qualifying group unbeaten, England is expected to present a sound challenge in Mexico.

Yet closer scrutiny of its results reveals three of the four matches with the only other teams of consequence in European Group Three, Rumania and Northern Ireland, produced three draws and a lucky, single goal win.

England, therefore is likely to be a side nobody will relish playing and be very hard to overcome, but it is difficult to envisage the English being "in at the death".

For them to break into the ranks of genuine contenders, at least three players must lift their games considerably.

The most obvious is Glenn Hoddle, an exquisitely gifted midfielder but often a dormant talent when wearing the England jersey.

With goalkeeper Peter Shilton, the Anglos have no problems, but the back four is notable more for its ability to support an attack than its defensive qualities.

In Mexico 16 years ago, England lost its quarter final with West Germany because a full back, totally drained by his overlapping role in the heat and thin atmosphere of Leon, was dominated by winger Juergen Grabowski, a late substitution.

A similar danger exists for the current team, though coach Bobby Robson is likely to be far less naive in his useage of substitutes than Sir Alf Ramsey, who had used all those available to him when Grabowski took control.

England's attack shows promise. Dixon and Gary Lineker, both deadly in the penalty box, should thrive when playing off the tall, rawboned Mark Hateley.

But, England's greatest asset will be its traditional courage and appetite for hard running.

The levelling of standards in European club soccer during the late 1970s enabled the English, with their superior fitness and greater desire for victory, to prevail.

Should international football have reached a similar stage, as many fear, then perhaps the English national team will enjoy equal success.

Such an eventuality would doubtless bring dancing crowds onto the streets of London, Liverpool and Manchester, but cast down upon these neutrals who expect World champions to provide the game with flair, enterprise, color and an example for future generations.

In all probability, the conditions of Mexico will be too big an obstacle for England.

PETER SHILTON (Southampton) Arguably the world's best goalkeeper. Made his 75th international appearance against Northern Ireland last November and celebrated

with his 39th clean sheet. The cornerstone of Nottingham Forest's European champions' Cup winning side of 1979 and 1980, he has also played for Leicester City, Stoke and Southampton. England's Player of the Year in 1978.

GARY BAILEY (Manchester United): The son of Roy Bailey, goalkeeper in the English League championship winning Ipswich Town team of 1961-62, he was born in Ipswich, but raised in South Africa where his father coaches. Joined United from Witte University (Johannesburg) in 1978 and made steady progress to win a place in the English senior team's goal five years later.

CHRIS WOODS (Norwich City): Displayed big match temperament early in his career when appearing for Notts Forest in the 1978 Football League Cup final (which needed a replay), as an 18-year-old without a league appearance to his name, and securing victory against Liverpool with a couple of immaculate displays in goal. Subsequently, the subject of big-money transfers to Queen's Park Rangers (\$500,000) and Norwich City (\$450,000).

TERRY FENWICK (Queen's Park Rangers): Enterprising back four players, who has had extended involvement with the squad, despite reservations about his class. The first full back to score from open play during an FA Cup final, he is equally capable at centre half. Joined Queen's Park Rangers from Crystal Palace.

VIV ANDERSON (Nottingham Forest): Became the first black player to win an England senior cap, in 1978, but has yet to cement his place in the team. A tall, gangling, full back who often creates havoc with gallops down the flank, he made his name with home town club Nottingham Forest. A \$500,000 transfer took him to Arsenal in 1984.

ALVIN MARTIN (West Ham United): Centre back who joined West Ham as an apprentice in 1974. Recalled to the England team after a nine-month absence last year, he has subsequently enhanced his reputation with many excellent performances as captain of the revalued "Hammers".

KENNY SANSON (Arsenal): An attacking left back who should gain long-overdue universal recognition as a genuine world-class performer during the Mundial. He became Britain's costliest defender when moving from Crystal Palace to Arsenal for \$2.7 million in 1980.



By PAUL MOON

GARY STEVENS (Everton): Speedy, raiding right back who came to the fore with the rise of Everton, which he joined as an apprentice in 1981. His long throws could be particularly effective in the rarified air of Mexico.

TERRY BUTCHER (Ipswich Town): Resolute, 6ft 4ins, centre back with an excellent track record for England. Only an unfortunately high number of serious injuries (14 pints of



England, back row: Francis, Anderson, Watson, Bailey, Hateley, Hoddle. Front: Fenwick, Barnes, Wilkins, Sanson, Robson.

blood were once lost as the result of a broken nose), have restricted his international appearances. Born in Singapore (where his father served in the Royal Navy), he remains loyal to the Ipswich club he joined as a 17-year-old.

STEVE FOSTER (Luton Town): Out of favor since playing against Kuwait in the 1982 World Cup finals, he has received a new lease of life following a \$140,000 transfer from Aston Villa to Luton two years ago and looked to be England's best all-round central defender for most of the 1985-86 season. Easily distinguished by his white headband, his earliest clubs were Portsmouth and Brighton.

PETER REID (Everton): Overcame many severe injuries and traumatic transfer wrangles to become the mid-field mainstay of Everton's remarkable run of success in recent seasons. The 1985 English Player of the Year was a bargain \$120,000 acquisition from Bolton Wanderers, in 1982.

GLENN HODDLE (Tottenham Hotspur): An enigmatic midfielder, but one whose casual, elegant style might be ideal for the heat and altitude of Mexico. Has spent his entire career with Tottenham Hotspur, gaining FA Cup and UEFA Cup winners' medals there.

BRYAN ROBSON (Manchester United): A highly energetic all-purpose midfielder, generally regarded as the England player with strongest claims to world class status. His \$3 million transfer from West Brom to Manchester United in 1981 remains an English domestic record.

TREVOR STEVEN (Everton): Playing as a deep-lying winger, he has acquired league championship, FA Cup and European Cup Winners' Cup medals since moving to Everton from Burnley in a \$650,000 transfer three years ago.

RAY WILKINS (AC Milan): Despite winning the first of nearly 80 caps in 1977, he only began to look a player of exceptional ability at international level following a \$3 million transfer to AC Milan in 1984. Always composed in mid-field, his forte is inch-perfect passing. A \$1,650,000 transfer took him from original club Chelsea to Manchester United in 1979.

JOHN BARNES (Watford): Fast, elusive winger who was born in Jamaica and came to England when his father was appointed military attaché in London. He has been somewhat inconsistent to date.

KERRY DIXON (Chelsea): A natural striker who has

topped the English goalkeepers' list for three different divisions. He joined Chelsea from Reading in 1983 in a \$550,000 transfer.

TREVOR FRANCIS (Sampdoria): The subject of three major transfers (Birmingham City to Nottingham Forest (\$2.3 million in 1979), Nottingham Forest to Manchester City (2.4 million in 1981) and Manchester City to Sampdoria (1.8 million) he has been blighted by injuries in recent years.

MARK HATELEY (AC Milan): A young, tall, powerful, comparatively inexperienced striker who has already earned a formidable reputation in international football and in the Italian League. The son of Tony Hateley, a much-travelled centre forward in the 1960s, he has had two previous clubs — Portsmouth and Coventry City.

GARY LINEKER (Everton): Although top goalscorer with Leicester City for four seasons, he did not gain the recognition he deserved until a \$1.6 million transfer took him to high-flying Everton last year. Scores all his goals from inside the penalty box.

CHRIS WADDLE (Tottenham Hotspur): Tall, skilful forward who joined Tottenham from Newcastle in a \$1.18 million transfer last year. He was preferred to John Barnes on the left wing throughout 1985.

PETER BEARDSLEY (Newcastle United): A striker with uncommon flair, he is a recent introduction to the squad. Joined Newcastle in 1983, after serving Carlisle United, Vancouver Whitecaps (Canada) and Manchester United.

BOBBY ROBSON (coach): Equally at home as an old fashioned wing half or inside forward, his playing career with Fulham and West Brom stretched from 1959 to 1966 and yielded 20 England caps. After a brief, traumatic introduction to management at Fulham in 1968, he joined Ipswich 12 months later and spent 13 years there. Succeeded Ron Greenwood as England manager in 1982.



World Cup groups

GROUP A: Italy, Bulgaria, Argentina, South Korea.

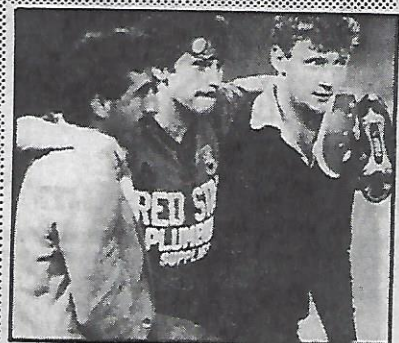
GROUP B: Mexico, Belgium, Paraguay, Iraq.

GROUP C: France, Canada, USSR, Hungary.

GROUP D: Brazil, Spain, Algeria, Northern Ireland.

GROUP E: West Germany, Uruguay, Scotland, Denmark.

GROUP F: Poland, Morocco, Portugal, England.



Makedonia's star import Mile Necovski is carried off after being injured.

WILLIAMS FOR MAKEDONIA?

Heidelberg 2 Makedonia 1
Scores: Lane 30th (M); Selemidis 55th, Deligiannis 62nd (H).

Scott Patterson and Mike Valentine are back, George Christopoulos is out for the rest of the season and Makedonia continues to search for a central defender.

Patterson's display in his first competitive game for Heidelberg in months must have left officials from rival clubs wondering why they didn't fork out \$8,500 to buy the big striker when he was transfer-listed earlier this year.

Valentine and Patterson both fell out of favor with Heidelberg coach Brian Garvey but Heidelberg officials, notably president Peter Tsaklis and secretary Peter Dellios, would like to bury that ghost and get on with the business of putting a very competitive side out on the park each week.

Valentine played better as the game wore on and like Patterson could play a major role in the club's aim of making the top five this year.

Christopoulos had knee reconstruction surgery last week. He was injured in the Buffalo Cup final against Croatia and had to be helped off. His loss probably means that import Andy Higgins will play regularly at the back alongside Alan Hunter and that should suit Higgins who has played most of his football in defence.

Con Pappas made his debut for Heidelberg, one of the few clubs in Australia that keeps bobbing up with unknown players and still does well.

Pappas was born in Australia but went back to Greece as a youngster and spent a few seasons with Yannina. He arrived back in Australia two months ago.

Makedonia has its problems. It needs a central defender to at least cover for Ian Dobson if not only alongside him. Rumor was rife that Makedonia was thinking of signing Jim Williams from Green Gully and using him

Man of the match:
ALAN HUNTER
(Heidelberg)

as sweeper. The club also has its eyes on a former youth Soccer.

Ron Campbell was out injured as was Steve Smith but Zoran Iliosi was back from his overseas honeymoon and was Makedonia's best midfielder, due solely to the quality of his disposal.

Heidelberg was without injured striker Paul Tzintzis and right back Ian McKie, also injured, but they should be available for this weekend's opening league game. Makedonia's star import from Yugoslavia, Mile Necovski, was playing on the right of coach Billy Murray's four-man midfield but was injured in the 31st minute.

His replacement was Paul Koussias, who had been warming up since about the 15th minute! No doubt Heidelberg captain Theo Selemidis was casting anxious glances at the clock to see if Koussias would break Selemidis' record. Selemidis warmed up for 80 minutes during an international some years ago.

Makedonia scored with its first strike at goal. Patterson and Nick Deligiannis had misdirected shots in the 31st minute. Necovski played the ball forward to Iliosi on the right. Iliosi crossed to the far post and although Gary Cole mistimed his volley, Lane was alert enough to hit the bouncing ball on the turn and Jeff Oliver was beaten.

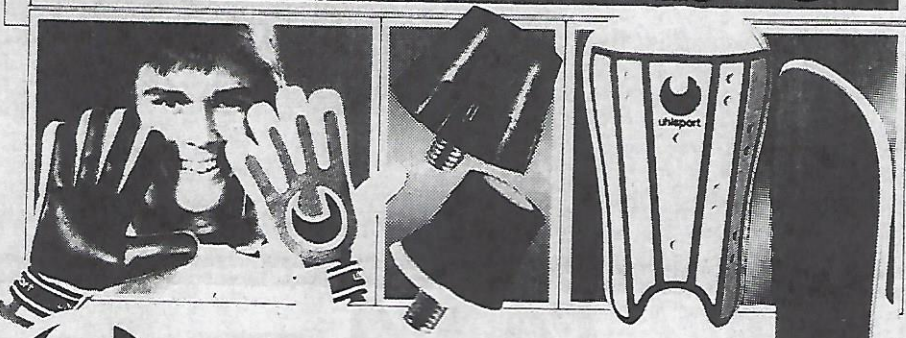
In the 55th minute, Valentine sent over an excellent corner as the near post and Selemidis rose majestically to head down firmly and make it 1-1.

Within seconds of the restart, Oliver was beaten by an Iliosi lob but the ball struck the underside of the bar, bounced down and was scrambled clear.

The winner came in the 62nd minute thanks to a skilful executed swerving pass by Patterson, who sent the ball across the goalmouth in behind the Makedonia defence and Deligiannis struck it in first time.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE

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Last-minute penalty

Brisb. City 2
Brisb. Lions 1
Scores: 0-1 Wright 11th, 1-1 Bromfield 43rd, 2-1 Cooper 90th pen.

Brisbane City scored its first win over Lions in 18 months to advance to the next round of the Nanda Cup.

But it was hardly a convincing performance, decided by a controversial last-minute penalty.

The two teams were locked 1-1 with only 28 seconds of normal time remaining when Queensland's FIFA badge referee Bill Monteverde rules a penalty following a tackle by Richard Bassingthwaite on City striker Alan Reis.

One-eyed versions aside, the tackle was not a penalty. The ball was bobbing at Reis' feet and Bassingthwaite slid through, taking the ball with him in a legal one-legged slide tackle. The dispossessed Reis tumbled over Bassingthwaite on the ground.

Keiran Cooper, the club's new Irish signing who had done little else, put away the placekick.

Man of the match:
DANNY WRIGHT
(Brisb. Lions)

The first half, and indeed much of the match belonged to Danny Wright.

The former young Soccerero continued his brilliant pre-season form and his 11th minute goal was a delight. Wright skinned City fullback Glenn Archer on the left and dribbled into the box. Using a slight body weave he made it about to cross, then with everyone watching, he fired a low hard shot inside the near post.

Roberto Lettieri, a great player on the ball, a passer off it, played a pinpoint pass down the left for the speedy Bromfield to take on the Lions defence. Showing all his qualities of his striking days, the left fullback rounded David Hunter and slotted a shot to the far post.

Reis was on the spot to ensure the ball went into the net, but it already had crossed the line.

— RICKY RILEY

National Cup details

BRISBANE CITY 2 (Bromfield 43rd, Cooper 90th pen) BRISBANE 1 (Wright 15th) at Spencer Park. Crowd: 1382. Referee: Bill Monteverde.

BRISBANE CITY: Wishart 8 — Archer 7, Mengotti 6, Perry 6, Bromfield 8 — Hogg 6, Hamilton 7, Lettles 5 — Reis 7, White 5 (Fabrizio 49th, 5), Cooper 6, Coach: Jim Merriman.

BRISBANE: Evans 7 — O'Halloran 8, Jackson 7, Vass 6, Niven 7 — Basingthwaite 6 (Mulvey 90th), J. Stewart 6, Ogden 7 — Anderson 6, Wright 9, McGregor 8, Coach: Brian Garvey.

CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE OLYMPIC 2 (Hantzis 49th pen) 7 (64th) WOLLONGONG CITY 3 (Riviero 24th, Giraldi 57th, Kotamanidis 77th) at Melita Stadium. Crowd: 520.

CANTERBURY-MARRICKVILLE: Barker 8 — Karaspyros 6, Hantzis 6, Hantzis 6, Kirwan 5 — Radman 6, Anagnostopoulos 6 (Angelis 68th), Philippou 7 — Kalogeris 6 (Vandarakis 85th), Petras 6, Thamiadis 7, Coach: Don Kapetanovic.

WOLLONGONG: Giraldi 57, Bilington 7, Green 8 (Batten 85th), Morlando 7, Vlastra 8, Cokely 8 — Giraldi 7, Chilly 6, Gaffney 7 (Brodnick 80th), Riviero 9 — Murray 7, Kotamanidis 7, Coach: John Fleming.

SYDNEY HAKOAH 3 (Farina 37, Kosmina 41, Gomez 44) SYD CROATIA 0 at Croatian Sports Centre. Crowd: 3500. Referee: Jim Favos 8.

HAKOAH: McPherson 8 — Rodrigues 8, O'Connor 7 (Spanos 73rd), Robertson 8, Souless 7 — Watson 7, Gomez 7, De Marigny 8 — Lee 6, Farina 8, Koutalidis 7 (Saad 52nd), Coach: Eddie Thomson.

SYD CROATIA: Woodhouse 8 — Savor 7, Rozic 7 (Caketa 38th), A. Kovacic 6, Jennings 7 — Kero 6, Ozdakov 7, Clinch 7, Dragicevic 6 — Jun 7 (Medanic 48th, 5), Arnold 6, Coach: Vedran Rogos.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 1 (Lazopoulos 40th) SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS 1 (Mitten 80th), J.U.S.T. won 9-8 on penalties at Middle Park. Crowd about 4000. Referee: Bernie Upjohn 4.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Nikitovic 10 — Petrovski 7, Karic 7, Bekic 8, R. Barjaktarevic 7 — Stosic 9 (sent off 83rd), Lapa 8, Nedelkovski 8 (Buz 11th), Bozinovski 7, Lujic 7 — Latif 7, Lazopoulos 7, Coach: Dregoslav Sekulac.

SUNSHINE-GEORGE CROSS: Kastner 7 — Taylor 6, Parton 8, James 7, Campbell 5 (sent off 81st), Bain 5, McLaren 5, Lennon 5 — Gilder 5 (Markovski 8, 43rd), Mitten 5, Coach: John Gardiner.

SOUTH MELBOURNE PIONEER 1 (Kenne-gesser 58th) at Middle Park. Crowd about 4000. Referee: Evan Venios 8.

SOUTH MELBOURNE: Evans 8 — Russell 6, Xanthopoulos 6 (Hafford 76th), Blair 6, Postecoglou 7 — McDowall 6, Davidson 7, Miranda 6, Murphy 6 — Egan 6, Brown 8, Coach: John Margaritis.

PIONEER: Burdon 6 — Peers 5 — Cochrane 4, O'Martin 5, McFellie 6 (Long 6, half time), Pace 4, Lapa 3 (Nicholls 34th), Kenne-gesser 6, Darko 5 — Genovesi 5, Fabrizio 4, Coach: David Smith.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER 2 (Solomidi 55th, Deligiannis 62nd) PRESTON MAKE- DONIA 1 (Lane 30th). First game of a double header at Olympic Park. Crowd: about 6000.

HEIDELBERG ALEXANDER: Oliver 7 — Marley 7, Higgins 7, Hunter 8, Katsikis 7 — Pappas 6, Sele-midis 7, Valentine 7, Tsakalis 7 — Patterson 8, Deligiannis 7, Coach: Brian Garvey.

PRESTON MAKE-DONIA: Trainees 7 — I. Roodhouse 6, Opatinis 7, Dobson 7, McLennan 7 — Nedovski 6 (in), Koussios 6 (in), van Egmond 6, Petrov 7, Iloski 8 — Lane 6, Cole 6, Coach: Bill Murray.

MELBOURNE CROATIA 1 (Ward 89th) BRUNSWICK JUVENUS 0, Second game of a double header at Olympic Park. Crowd: about 6000. Referee: Bernie Upjohn 7.

MELBOURNE CROATIA: Runje 7 — Deankovic 7, McIntosh 7, Curcio 7, Hannah 7 (in), Redmond 6 (in), Bakic 7 (in), Gusic 94th, Campbell 6, Bonacic 6, Lubic 6 — Ward 6, Todoric 5, Coach: Miron Benberg.

BRUNSWICK JUVENUS: Banovic 7 — Peter Lewis 7, Brown 7, Yzendoorn 8, Campbell 7 — Wade 6, Petersen 6, Cowie 6, Cullen 8 — Sweeney 6 (in), Martinucci 7 (in), Paton 4, Coach: Len McKendry.

ST. GEORGE BUDAPEST 2 (Moffitt 71st, Belusic 77th) MARCONI 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 4850. Referee: R. Davies 8.

ST. GEORGE: Gibson 8 — Skeen 7, Ratcliffe 7, M. O'Shea 7, R. O'Shea 7 — Moffitt 8, J. O'Shea 7, Ricoy 7 (Koczka 78th) — Cottone 7, Rortor 6 (Belusic 68th), Petkovski 7.

MARCONI: James 7 — Carter 6, Henderson 6, (Rizzotto 78th), Wheatley 6, Calderan 7 — Mason 7, Gray 7, Treddinick 6, Sterrey 6 — Jankovics 5 (Brown 34th), Lowe 6.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC 6 (Johnstone 13th, Soper 60th & 68th, Dakos 63rd, Kalantzis 64th & 78th) APIA LEICHHARDT 0 at St George Stadium. Crowd: 4580. Referee: Gary Power 5.

SYDNEY OLYMPIC: Meier 8 — Rogers 7, Coody 7, Dakos 9, Phillips 7 — Estavillo 7 (Brandt 60th), Radopoulos 7, Johnstone 8 — Soper 8, Stevenson 6, Kalantzis 8.

APIA: Pezzano 5 — Steven 5, Ziras 5, Bertogina 7, Corio 4 — Hristovski 5, Masi 4 (Bundalo 46th — 4), Sterrey 6 — Ounis (Genovesi 34th — 4), Stewart 6, Butler 6.

BLACKTOWN CITY 6 (Brennan 4th & 57th, Thornthwaite 28th & 68th, Carroll 30th & 36th) WEST WODEN JUVENUS 0 at the Gabbin. Crowd: 658. Referee: G. Wame 6.

BLACKTOWN CITY: Curcio 8 — Willis 8, Ainsworth 8, Dwyer 8, Bourke 8 — Bradley 8, Byrne 7 (Sharpe 46th — 7), Knight 8, Thornthwaite 9, Carroll 8, Brennan 8.

JUVENUS: Barber 5 — Pavlato 5, Kalsenbek 6, Shields 6, McGibon 4 — Exposito 5, Manzan 4, Vicks 6 — Juliana 7 (Tosolini 53rd), Kennedy 6.

ADELAIDE CITY JUVENUS 1 (Mullen) STERLING (Hunter) after extra time, Juventus won 6-5 on penalties, at Macedonia Park, Perth. Crowd: 2500.

ADELAIDE CITY: No team line-ups available.

STERLING: No team line-ups available.

NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD 2 (Maier, Ingham) BELMONT SWANSEA 1 (Windsor) at Adamstown Sports Ground.

NEWCASTLE-ROSEBUD: No team line-ups available.

BELMONT SWANSEA: No team line-ups available.

Man of the match: SAUL RIVERO (Wollongong)

team) then Wollongong will provide plenty of problems for the sides they meet this year. As it was, Canterbury went to the sheds only a goal down and still had a chance to claw its way back in the second half.

Mario Philippou moved towards the Wollongong goal and was brought down in the 49th minute. The offence looked just outside the box, but referee Ken Small pointed to the spot. Hantzis put the ball past Billington, driving the ball high into the net. Small ruled out this attempt and ordered the kick to be retaken. This time, Hantzis placed his shot under Billington to bring the scores level.

Wollongong did not lose its composure and Riviero in the 57th minute provided Giraldi with an absolute peach of a through ball which Giraldi finished off nicely.

Canterbury equalised again when Hantzis from the right, gave the ball everything with his left foot and angled the ball past the wall and the keeper.

Wollongong still looked by far the better side and was rewarded when a Riviero pass to Kotamanidis inside the box in the 77th minute, saw the latter get in a close range shot which Barker had covered. Unfortunately for Canterbury Paul Kirwan stole out a boot to halt the ball's progress and only succeeded in sending Barker the wrong way.

Although Canterbury was still without some of its big guns, it will need to do a lot of work on its defence before it will trouble the more experienced National League sides. Wollongong on the other hand, already has a well-drilled back line and with three players still sidelined and with Arcoia to arrive midweek, it should have a lot of success in the season ahead.

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Man of the match: DOUG BROWN (SM-Hellas)

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Stirton back, MacLeod to Frankston Pines?

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Harry Bingham has expected to arrive back in Australia this week and Ian Stirton is back from Scotland and trains with Morwell Falcons tomorrow (Thursday). If Stirton is fairly fit, coach Dave O'Connor may throw him into the fray when Falcons tackle Springvale City at Ross Reserve on Sunday.

That would give Falcons plenty of bite up front as they signed Peter Verechia from Box Hill for \$3,500 last week.

But the Vales aren't short of quality in attack. Greg House and former Falcons star Russell Athersych will see to it that we could be in for a tremendous clash here.

Morwell lacked discipline in defence as it went down 3-0 to Caulfield last weekend and a repeat performance will see Springvale come out on top. But, I'm banking on a vastly improved display by Falcons at the back and tipping a draw.

The first big Italian derby of the State League season takes place at Partridge Reserve on Sunday when Thomastown meets Fawkner.

Thomastown player-coach George McMillan has to come to terms with his new role. Against Melbourne last Saturday, McMillan started up front, dropped back into midfield, then ended up at the back. He's a big-hearted performer, everyone knows that, but it's sure that he wanted to do far too much. I'm sure that he had McMillan stayed up front with Brian Flaherty, Thomastown would have been able to pressure Mel-

bourne, especially in the second half when Melbourne got on top.

But McMillan may decide to play at the back against a Fawkner side whose main strength is up front. Joe Palinkas, Ian Tuffield and Bruno Cozella form a formidable strike force but I still think that Thomastown can hold out for a point.

The Greek derby at Princess Park on Saturday may prove to be a flizzer for it's hard to see Northcote keeping Caulfield at bay.

Danny Zemanik, leading scorer in First Division last year, started the State League season in style, scoring twice against Falcons. Along with former Heidelberg and Footscray JUST striker Theo Vagias and former Hellas winger Pepe Abraham, Zemanik should find a way through a Northcote defence sadly missing injured George Bozakis.

Western Suburbs has championship aspirations. How valid they are will be seen on Sunday when Suburbs clash with Croynod, my tip for the 1986 championship.

The quality of Bobby McGuinness, Graham French, Darren Tuck, Dave Brogan, David Smallman and MacLean will make this a great game. It seems that Suburbs' midfield isn't functioning as well as it should and that could prove decisive against Croynod.

Julie Presta may make his full State League debut when Ringwood Wilhelmnia clashes with Box Hill at Jubilee Park on Sunday.

Presta is a skillful winger who may replace another fine ball player, Victor Angulo, in the Wilhelmnia starting line-up.

Box Hill was waiting for news of the extent of striker-

Phil Griffin's ankle injury as we went to press, fearing the worst, for the club's physio believes that Griffin could have torn ligaments. If so, he'll be a big loss and the reshuffled line-up probably would see Dave Azzopardi partnering Don Lawler up front.

I'm tipping a draw in what will be a real slog for both outfits.

St Albans Dinamo can beat Polonia at Churchill Reserve on Saturday. As soon as Kevin Lloyd and Dennis Morovic get their act together up front, Dinamo will worry the life out of most defences and Polonia isn't particularly strong at the back yet.

Frankston Pines should too strong for Melbourne at Monterey Reserve on Saturday. Pines left Mick McGorian and Paul Hennessy out of the starting line-up against Box Hill last weekend which shows you just how strong the squad is.

That squad could be strengthened this week as coach Danny McMinimie was having talks with transfer listed Fawkner defender Frank MacLeod, who has \$1,750 on his head.

This weekend's games, with likely winners in capitals:

SATURDAY

CAULFIELD v Northcote at Princess Park, 3pm
ST ALBANS DINAMO v Polonia at Churchill Reserve, 3pm
FRANKSTON PINES v Melbourne at Monterey Reserve, 3pm

SUNDAY

CROYDON v Western Suburbs at Croydon Park, 3pm
Springvale City v Morwell Falcons (draw) at Ross Reserve, 3pm
Thomastown v Fawkner (draw) at Partridge Reserve, 3pm
Ringwood Wilhelmnia v Box Hill (draw) at Jubilee Park, 3pm

Tiger Amanatidis bares claws

By CRAIG MACKENZIE

Outstanding displays by goalkeepers Dennis Boland and Adam Dachs, a stunning 25-metre goal by Tiger Amanatidis, Russell Athersych's debut for Springvale and the price of beer at John Cain Reserve were the main talking points after the start of the State League season last weekend.

Boland stopped Box Hill's second half onslaught while Dachs was the thorn in Springvale's side, especially in the first half.

Amanatidis, the former Heidelberg player, thumped home a piledriver that took the wind out of Morwell's sails in the 33rd minute while Croydon players were furious to see that Northcote was charging \$1.70 for a can of beer. "There won't be too many players getting drunk there," said one of the Croydon players after the match.

Athersych, who joined Springvale earlier this year after spending the past two seasons with Morwell, arrived from England late last Saturday night but showed against Polonia the following afternoon that he'd lost none of the touch that made him one of the best strikers in the State League.

It was all Springvale in the first half but Dachs was unbeatable. Dachs also figured in the most controversial incident of the match when he brought down Springvale striker Greg House. Referee Marek Maumust must have been the only person at Ross Reserve who didn't think that a penalty should have been awarded.

Ironically, it was Polonia which could have snatched victory when it was awarded a free kick just outside the Springvale area in the dying moments. Janusz Przewy's ability to snap set-piece situations is renowned but he struck his attempt into Springvale's defensive wall and the ball was scrambled clear.

In the second half of last season, when the Vales fought valiantly to emerge with a point from their Ross Reserve clash with Polonia, Springvale players and supporters were in a jubilant mood. The roles were reversed last Sunday. The Polonia camp was beaming while Springvale players were bitterly disappointed that that just shows how much stronger Springvale is this year while Polonia's fortunes of late have been on the wane.

Bye, bye Tones

John Tones, the 35 year old



● Croydon midfielder Jim MacLean soars above Northcote counterpart Nat Houston at John Cain Reserve last weekend. Croydon won 4-1. Picture: LES SHORROCK.

central defender who was snatched out of Springvale's grasp by Frankston Pines a few weeks ago, won't be seen in action after all.

Tones signed with Pines but a job promotion means that he'll miss some training sessions and matches so he's decided to quite soccer for the time being and Pines coach Danny McMinimie isn't exactly happy about that.

But McMinimie had plenty to smile about after a 21st minute Stan Webster goal earned the points at Wembley Park. "There won't be too many teams that come away from the points but to be honest we ran out of legs in the second half, especially in midfield. We're not fit enough but we'll be working on that over coming weeks," said McMinimie.

Box Hill lost striker Phil Griffin at half time. He'd been injured in the 20th minute but he soldiered on. Even without Griffin, the Hillmen pressed Pines throughout the second half but couldn't find a way past Boland, the former Footscray JUST, South Melbourne Hellas, Kakaoh and Albion Rovers star. One of the finest saves came when he tipped a

chip by Andy Hughes onto the bar.

Great free kick

Ringwood Wilhelmnia was denied by the woodwork on four occasions against Western Suburbs at Ralph Reserve. A free kick by Wilhelmnia player-coach Kees Storm in the first half was fouled by Suburbs' goalie Milutin Cric and a Mark Wells shot struck the post. In the second half, John Nijholt and substitute Julie Presta had shots which hit the upright but Suburbs too had chances to add to their eventual 2-0 win.

Suburbs' scorers, Bobby McGuinness and David Smallman, were stopped from getting their names onto the scoresheet again by fine saves from young Wilhelmnia goalie Robert Brian.

McGuinness put Suburbs in front in the 34th minute when he skipped away from Rob Lange and although on an angle, was able to squeeze the ball home.

Smallman's goal was classy. The former Welsh international scored with a curling free kick in the 55th minute to out the issue beyond doubt.

Jolevski tops

Teenage Fawkner defender George Jolevski blotted out former Brunswick Juventus striker Kevin Lieve and a 75th minute goal by Bruno Cozella sunk St Albans Dinamo at Smith Reserve.

Fawkner coach Peter Boyle used just three at the back, putting markers on Lloyd and Dennis Morovic and leaving Cesare Fattore free.

The move resulting in the winning goal was started by Joe Palinkas who cut inside from the right, beating two defenders, then played the ball to Fabio Angele, whose pass to Cozella was tucked away by the former Footscray JUST striker.

But there was little between the teams. Boyle acknowledged that he had expected a tough match and believes that Dinamo is a much improved outfit.

French again

Graham French, leading scorer in State League last year, will be vying for that honor again judging by the two goals he netted against Northcote at John Cain Reserve.

French opened his account thanks to an Alex Livingston cross and scored his second and Croydon's fourth in the 76th minute after getting past George Kouremenos and hitting a firm shot with his left foot. That's right, his left foot. His team mates couldn't believe it either.

In between, Jim MacLean scored twice, the first coming from a remarkable chip over John Gianopoulos on a nearly impossible angle and the second courtesy of a volley from about 10 metres.

Northcote newcomer Nat Houston scored on his State League debut and battled hard throughout the one-sided contest.

Ferenc Puskas
Legendary Hungarian ball wizard, Ferenc Puskas, kicked off the clash between Melbourne and Thomastown at J.T. Gray Reserve on Saturday then left 10 minutes into the match.

I wish he'd taken me with him.

Then again, I wouldn't have seen referee Chris Bambridge stopping play while Melbourne sweeper Gerry Edmondson changed his strip because he was wearing the same number as a team mate. Thomastown panicking as Melbourne hit back in the second half, Mauro Raponi's sole blemish which led to Melbourne's equaliser in the last minute and Melbourne

team manager Lou Szanthon running onto the ground to hug scorer Kevin Roberts.

Rob Pinalto had given Thomastown the lead in the 8th minute with a first time volley which sent the ball dipping over the head of Melbourne goalkeeper Marcel Barbas.

Raponi was at full stretch to superbly parry shots from Tony Heery and Roberts in the second half and was looking good until referee Bambridge awarded a free kick against Raponi for time wasting. Raponi was stunned by the decision and handed the ball to Heery. Quick as a flash, Heery spotted it, tapped it square to Roberts who struck it into the unguarded goal and triggered a series of protests from Thomastown players, all in vain.

I'll incur the wrath of the Thomastown camp I'm sure, but I thought that it was a great decision by Bambridge. Raponi was stunned by the ball to Heery then backing away when he should have prevented Heery taking a quick free kick. You deserve to be punished for things like that.

And Szanthon and Melbourne also will be punished if he doesn't stay on the touchline from now on. All he has to do is learn to control his enthusiasm. He didn't cause any harm

State League details

MELBOURNE 1 (Roberts 90th) THOMASTOWN 1 (Pinalto 9th) at J.T. Gray Reserve, Saturday
MELBOURNE: Barbas 6 — Szabo 5, Edmondson 7, Bird, Dagnall 7, Debono 5, Mills 4 (Szabadi 65th) S. Wild 6, Heery 6 — Theodos 7
Roberts 6, Coach: Tony Heery
Thomastown: Raponi 7 — Rainey 7, Pinalto 7, Cosentino 6, Hackett 7, Evans 5 (Di Martino 82nd), Kerr 7, Carfora 7, Coyle 7 — G. McMillan 7, Flaherty 7, Coach: George McMillan
Best three for Ameco Travel Player of the Year award: 3 Edmondson (M), 2 Theodos (M), 1 Kerr (T)

NORTHCOTE 1 (Houston 48th) CROYDON 4 (French 10th, 76th, MacLean 20th, 71st) at John Cain Reserve, Saturday

NORTHCOTE: Gianopoulos 7 — J. Constantino 6, Patinoitis 8, Kouremenos 5, Stiliadis 5 — Houston 7, Romero 6, Petropoulos 5 (Kazakis 75th), Toro 6 — P. Constantino 5, Bekiaris 5, Coach: Peri Skamangas
CROYDON: Blasby 7 — Brown 8, Ollerott 6, O'Reilly 8, Tansley 7 — Livingston 6, MacLean 7, Beech 7 — A. Humble 6, French 8, Brogan 7, Coach: Peter Ollerott

Best three for Ameco Travel Player of the Year award: 3 French (C), 2 Brown (C), 1 Patinoitis (N)

0 at Smith Reserve, Sunday

FAWKNER R. Wilson 7 — Schipano 7, Fattore 8, Jolevski 9 — Mancinelli 8, Angele 8, Quigley 8, Di Cocco 7 — Palinkas 9, Tuffield 7, Cozella 7, Coach: Peter Boyle

ST ALBANS DINAMO M. Grgic 7 — Kustura 7 (Batinovic 80th), Brkicic 7, Ramjak 7, Kuzman 8 — M. Wilson 7, Krajacic 6, Rastovic 6 (Deac 70th), Culina 7 — Morovic 5, Lloyd 5, Coach: Tony Vrzina
Best three for Ameco Travel Player of the Year award: 3 Palinkas (P), 2 Jolevski (F), 1 Kuzman (S)

WESTERN SUBURBS 2 (McGuinness 34th, Smallman 55th) RINGWOOD WILHELMINIA 0 at Ralph Reserve, Sunday

WESTERN SUBURBS: Cinc 5 — Beattie 7, Esposito 7, Dimovski 7, Hamil 8 — McLeod 7, Kakantons 7, Stenson 6 (McCluskey 75th), Smallman 7 — McGuinness 8, Tuck 8, Coach: Jim Kondilis
RINGWOOD WILHELMINIA: Bran 7 — M. Bakker 7, Wemysy 8, Corke 6, Lange 7 — Thomson 7, Storm 8, Woodmuir 8, Angulo 6 (Presta 70th), Wells 6, Nijholt 6, Coach: Kees Storm

Best three for Ameco Travel Player of the Year award: 3 Boland (P), 2 R. Nelson (P), 1 Cumming (P)

SPRINGVALE CITY 0 POLONIA 0 at Ross Reserve, Sunday

SPRINGVALE CITY: Whiteside 8 — Vogel 8, Biesinger 8, Adams 8, Hobson 6 — G. Bannan 7, M. Wild 6, J. Nelson 6, House 7, Athersych 8, Bell 6 (D'Amico 79th), Coach: Bobby McLachlan
POLONIA: Dachs 9 — Vathis 6, Farrugia 7, G. Czarnik 7, Smolarek 7 — Umiarski 7, Chelicki 7, Coach: J. Warzawski 8 (in) Kadlecik 75th, P. Czarnik 6, Przybyla 6, Coach: Kaz Kulak

Best three for Ameco Travel Player of the Year award: 3 Dachs (P), 2 Umiarski (B), 1 Adams (S)

MORWELL FALCONS 0 CAULFIELD 3 (Amanatidis 33rd, Zemanik penalty 64th, 76th) at North Crigian Reserve, Sunday

MORWELL FALCONS: Prezioso 5 — Palermo 4 (in), D. Wilson 65th, Turt 5, Bruns 5, Train 7, T. van Baar 6 (in), Lee 65th, O'Callaghan 5, E. Cassar 6 — Verechia 6, J. van Baar 8, A. Cassar 6, Coach: Dave O'Connor

CAULFIELD: Alexandropoulos 7 — Bitsonis 7, Tofani 7, Kouros 7, Tsiatsiridis 7 — Filipou 7 (in), Topolidis 70th, Sahnidis 7 (in), Theodorou 60th, Amanatidis 8 — Abraham 8, Zemanik 8, Vagias 8, Coach: Takis Svingos

Best three for Ameco Travel Player of the Year award: 3 Zemanik (C), 2 J. van Baar (M), 1 Abraham (C)

BOX HILL 0 FRANKSTON PINES 1 (Webster 21st) at Wembley Park, Sunday

BOX HILL: McKinlay 8 — McPhee 6, Davidson 6, A. McMillan 6, Roodhouse 7 — Taylor 6 (Ramos 60th), Hackett 7, Hennessy 6, Burton 6 — Griffith 6 (in), Azzopardi 7 (H.T.), Lawler 6, Coach: Keith Webster
FRANKSTON PINES: Boland 9 — Thurlow 7, Cumming 8, R. Nelson 8, Ferris 7 — Ross 6, Ouler 6, Webster 7, Dick 8, G. Runge 7 (McGorian 70th), Coach: Danny McMinimie
Best three for Ameco Travel Player of the Year award: 3 Boland (P), 2 R. Nelson (P), 1 Cumming (P)

but you know how the VSF operates and the last thing Melbourne needs right now is to be fined.

What a start!

Who would have believed it? The scoreline read Morwell 0 Caulfield 3. Few thought it possible that State League newcomer Caulfield would start its league campaign in such fine style, especially down in the Latrobe Valley.

But former Caulfield striker and "Soccer Action" colleague Phil Diamataris was confident that his old team would do the job.

Yet Morwell dominated the first 30 minutes. Tony and Jack van Baar both missed good scoring chances but the biggest culprit was Morwell midfielder John O'Callaghan who blasted the ball over from six metres.

"If we'd have scored in that period, we'd have been in our way. But take nothing away from Caulfield. They battled hard to hold us then scored a couple of great goals and ended up deserving their win," said Morwell coach Dave O'Connor.

Amanatidis's great goal gave Caulfield a 1-0 half time lead and a 64th minute penalty converted by Danny Zemanik put Morwell behind the eight-ball.

Two shots were cleared off the Morwell line when a third shot found right back Dominic Palermo making a save that Jeff Oliver would be proud of and the referee pointed to the spot.

Caulfield's final goal came in the 76th minute when Zemanik's superb substitute David Wilson then planted a low shot into the far corner from just inside the area.

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Buljan, Surjak here with Hajduk

Hajduk Split, the first club from Yugoslavia to visit Australia, is sending its star team of the seventies on a goodwill visit once more. We won't be seeing the present Hajduk side, engaged in the Yugoslav national competition, but football gourmets have a treat in store. Hajduk will oppose Marconi at Mar-

ni Stadium on April 2 under floodlights in what could turn out to be one of the best soccer promotions at this stadium. Ivica Surjak, with 550 performances for Hajduk, an ex-captain of the Yugoslav national team and the man who performed for Udinese in Italy and Sevilla in Spain, will lead the side. Dragan Holcer, with more than 400 appearances for Hajduk, and over 50 for

Yugoslavia is another who will arrive with the team. Ivan Buljan played for Hamburg in the West German Bundesliga for four years while Dragan Holcer played for Stuttgart for four years. Luketin Sime played for 505 in France. This is the full list of players, with number of matches for Hajduk: Ivica Hlevnjak 665, Ivica Surjak 550, Pero Na-

doveza 460, Vinko Cuzzi 434, Dragan Holcer 419, Ivan Buljan 402, Radomir Vukcevic 402, Mladen Jovanovic 393, Zvonko Bego 375, Miroslav Feric 315, Sime Luketin 302, Ivo Bego 253, Marin Lemesic 238, Ante Ivkovic 233, Martin Kovacic 179, Sinisa Fulgosi 144. Represented Yugoslavia: Ivica Surjak 72, Ivan Buljan 60, Dragan Holcer 52, Radomir Vukcevic 9, Vinko Cuzzi 8, Zvonko

Bego 6, Ivica Hlevnjak 3. Apart from playing against Marconi on April 2 at Marconi Stadium, it is anticipated Hajduk will meet Fairy Meadow in Wollongong. Hajduk's All Stars probably will play another two or three matches during their stay in Australia. — ALEX VESIC

"PLAVI" RAZBILI MALER

JUST je uspeo da preskoci prvu preplavu u novoj sezoni, koja će biti teža i uzbudljivija nego sve ostale od osnivanja Nacionalne lige. George Cross se poka- zao mnogo jaci protivnik nego što se očekivalo. Ovaj tim je, zahvaljujući izvanrednom treneru Gardineru, postao izvanredna ekipa iako nema ni jednu zvezdu. Iako je bio nadigran od JUST-a nije se predavao ni jednog trenutka, čak je jednog trenutka bio bliži pobedi.

Mora se reći da se tehnički protivnik nametnuo ostrm na momente grubom igrom i odludnim koncijom.

Sto je utakmica bila senzacionalna i puna incidenta krivica snosi sudija Bernie Upjohn. Ali on je kriv samo zato što se prijavio da za nepun dan sudi dve naporne utakmice, iako nema dovoljno iskustva, a već se prostavio kao kontrapozitivni sudija. On sam nije mogao sebe da odredi da sudi dva puta, zacrvi kriv je neko drugi, koji potcenjuje trud igrača i klubova da podignu fudbalsku igru na dostojnu visinu. To se ne može posli- ci bez dobrih, objektivnih i odmorih sudija.

Sudiji Upjohnu često se događaju ovakvi slučajevi, par puta sa JUST-om.

Ovog puta Upjohn jeosteo "plave" za čist jedanaes- terac nad Bill Lazaropoulos, koji je pokosen kao stabil- no pred golom Georgea Crossa. Zdravko Lujic je postigao gol u drugom poluvremenu, ali nije priznao, jer je lopta dodirnula mrežu pre nego se vratila u igru. Ali to nije krivica samo glavnog sudije. Medjantini je tog trenu- ta gledao u nego.

Indirekt, koji je doneo iznenađenje, dosudjen je na- zivaj igrača George Crossa. Bila je to tehnička greška, koju je par puta napravio nekaznjeni golman Kastner. Cim je izveden indirektni sudija je ponovo svirao, zvonio igrača JUST-a, što je Mitten iskoristio da ubaci loptu u mrežu. Na iznenađenje sudija je priznao gol.

Najteže je ostelo JUST-a kad je olako izbio iz igre Vlada Stosica, što se navodno nije dovoljno otklonio pri postavljanju na zid, a ustvari radilo se o nesporaz- umu jer Vlada ne zna engleski jezik.

Vrhunac drame je izvođenje jedanaestera, koji je bio potreban skroz Vlada Bozinski. Tri puta je Mit- ten izveo najsigurniju kaznu i sva tri puta Nikolic je odbranio. Prvi put se nikoviti pomerio, ali drugi put nije, medjutim sudija je naredio da se kazna ponovi, što je revaltoralo publiku. Jedan neodgovorni navijač je uleteo u igraliste i rukama gurnuo sudiju, koji se od sila snasio. Policija je brzo uhvatila navijaca koji je izbio izveo ali nije se oprao kod hvatanja.

Golman Nikoticov se iskupio za grešku, koja je omogu- cila George Crossu da izjednači rezultat.

Izvođenje jedanaestera na kraju utakmice poka-

JUGOSLOVENSKA SCENA

zalo je da ovaj tim JUST-a ima zivce i hrabrosti, sto im je ulio trener Sekularac. Jedan od udaraca sa bele tacke bio su neodbranjivi i majstorski izvedeni, iako je bilo nekoliko mladih i neiskusnih izvođača.

Ne treba zaboraviti da je tokom igre JUST imao zrete sance, ali nisu ih iskoristili Vlada Stosic i Oscar Latif nekoliko puta.

Ova dramatična pobeda ujednila je navijace JUST-a, kojih je bilo daleko vise nego Grka, iako je South Melbourne Hellas igrao prvu utakmicu.

U nedelju 30. marta pocinje prvenstvo. JUST doke- kuje na svom igralistu Brisbane Lionsa u 3 po podne.

Navijaci "plavih" ocekuju da njihovi ljubimci osvoje prve bodove. U predigri se sastaju mladi timovi JUST-a i Fawknera.

MAKEDONJIA je izvela nepotpun sastav protiv Hei- delberga, sto je uticalo na igru u savrsnosti. Osetilo se dusovito agresivnih igrača Heyssa i Smitha, sto je Hei- delberg iskoristio da postigne tesnu pobedu. Povratka Zorana Hloskog posle sestomesečnog odsustva nije mo- ga da spreči poraz, ali već iduce nedelje u Brisbanu osetice se Zokijovo prisustvo i ogromno isustvo.

Iako je igrala slabije nego u Noćnom kupu, Mel- bourne CROATIA bike je dovoljno jaka da pobedi Ju- ventusa sa 1:0, sto je ujedno bio dobar trening pred prvenstveni susret u Green Gully-u, gde je Croatia apsolutni favorit.

POCETAK PRVENSTVENE TRKE

U subotu i nedelju 22. i 23. marta pocelo je fud- balsko prvenstvo Viktorije za sve divizije.

U prvoj diviziji Altona Gate je u gostima pregazila bivseg prvotliga Altona Zoversa sa 5:0 (4:0). Junak ove pobede je nestarivi Mendo Ristovski, koji je posli- ga dva i namestio dva gola. Pored njega dva gola je postigao i Tim Bickici, dok se David Beattie jedanput upisao u strelce.

Po sansama Altona Gate Vardar mogao je lako da zaboleži mnogo veci dvostruki pobedu, ali i ovaj rezultat je dovoljan za pocetak.

Sastav Altona Gate: Gon Barbakos, Zlatko Veljan- ovski, Jimmy Dervisovski, John Serovski, Chris Ta-

levski, Gus Figueroa (Ljube Talevski), Mendo Ristovski, Jimmy Kebakovski, David Beattie, Tim Bi- kici, Goran Georgijevski. Susret je posmatralo blizu hiljadu gledalaca.

Rezerve su igrala nerazeno 0:0.

U subotu 29. marta Altona Gate Vardar docekuje Broadmeadows na Plasley Reserve u North Altoni.

Dandenong City - Ringwood Utd/Srbija 1:1 (0:1). Strelac Robert Erdog u 20. minutu. U 44. minutu sudija je zbog koskanja izbacio Robert Erdoga i protivničkog igrača, sto je bio tez udar za "Srbiji", koja je nastavila igru bez najopasnijeg navalnog igrača. Lepe sance su imali Pavle Jevtic i Alex Nelson, ali nisu imali svoj dan. Najizuzajni igrač "Srbije" bio je John Lutan, koji je zatreasao sopstvenu mrežu sredinom drugog poluvremena.

Sastav Ringwood/Srbije: A. Schiller, T. Gilmour, S. Hall, Z. Popovic, J. Lutton, P. Jevtic, G. Haupt, D. Shannon, Lj. Bosancic, A. Nelson, R. Erdog. Rezerve: Miki Sedlarevic, Zoran Lakić i Lorenć lesic.

Rezerve su igrala nerazeno 1:1 (0:1).

U subotu 29. marta Ringwood Srbija docekuje Elth- ama na Quambee Reserve, Wonga Rd, North Ringwood.

Royal Richmond Sindjelic - Sandringham 0:0. Ne- maro izvestaj sa ove utakmice, ali znamo da je "Sind- jelic" nastupio bez najboljeg strelca Dragana Vasica, pa zato nije bilo golova na Burnley Ovalu.

Po svjoj prilici uprava i Dragan Vasica ce naci zajed- nički jezik pred utakmicu sa Waverley City-em u su- botu 29. marta, koji Sindjelic igra u gostima.

Coburg - Springvale Utd (Bratstvo/Jedinstvo) 1:4 (0:1). Strelci Dragan Janjic u 35. i 55. i Mladen Culibiri u 67. i Dragoslav Jelicic u 83. minutu, dok je Coburg postigao pocasni gol u 85. minutu.

Protivnik "plavih" bio je mnogo jaci nego što rezul- tat pokazuje, medjutim Springvale ujedno je imao svoj dan i sa malo sreće mogao je da ostvari vecu pobedu.

Sastav Springvale Utd: Z. Mandic, Dj. Siveci, i ke- zovic (J. Makidis od 44. minuta), M. Kupinic, D. Jelicic, Z. Tepic, D. Tarav, M. Culibric, S. Janjic, D. Janjic, A. Veleviski. Rezerve: Nenad Ranicic i Goran Veljovic. Naj-

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ΤΗΝ Κυριακή αρχίζει ο Μαραθώνιος του ΝΒΛ ο οποίος φέτος είναι αρκετά δύσκολος αν υπολογίσουμε ότι στο τέλος της σαιζόν θα μείνουν μπλόκιν οι ομάδες έξω από την κατή γροία.

Τόσο η Ελλάδα όσο και ο Αλέξανδρος χρειά- ζονται στο φετινό πρωτάθλημα την βοήθεια των φίλων τους.

Ξεροντάς λοιπόν τις δυσκολίες που αντιμετω- πίζει η κάθε ομάδα, θα πρέπει να είναι πε- ρισσότερο φεικτικοί από κάθε άλλη φορά. Δεν κάνει τίποτα ο πανικός μιας ήττας και ας μη το ξεχνάει κανένας.

Η στήλη ελπίζει τόσο στον Αλέξανδρο όσο και στην Ελλάδα καλή επιτυχία.

Επίσης σε όλες τις ελληνικές μας ομά-δες που μετέχουν στο πρωτάθλημα ερίαι-βους και μόνο θριάμβους...

ΤΟ ΜΕΓΑΛΟ ΝΤΕΡΜΙ

Ελληνο-Ταλικά είναι και τα δύο παγκύβια που δίνουν οι ομάδες μας την Κυριακή.

Στο γηπεδό του Νέγας υποδέχεται την Γιουβέντους Αδελφίδα και στο Ολυμπικ Παρκ Νο 1 η Ελλάδα δίνει δύσκολο αγώνα με την περσινή πρωταθλήτρια Γιουβέντους.

Δύσκολο το μάτς για τους κυανολέκους αλλά όχι και ακατάβλητο αν υπολογίσουμε ότι ο Γιαννέλος γνωρίζει πως παίζει η αν-τιπαλός του.

Εκτός λοιπόν από την νίκη που ζητάνε και οι δύο προπονητές, είναι και το θέμα γρήγορου.

ΟΙ ΟΜΑΔΕΣ ΤΩΝ ΝΕΩΝ

ΤΗΝ Κυριακή αρχίζει και το πρωτάθλημα των ομάδων των Νέων.

Η Ελλάδα παίζει με την Γιουβέντους στο Ολυμπικ Παρκ και ο Αλέξανδρος με την

ΙΟ.00 το πρώτο αγώνος των Τζούνιους ως επίσης και παλαιμάχων νισοτάζοντας έτσι τα ΙΟ χρόνια του.

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΣΙΤΥ

ΤΗΝ Κυριακή το Γκάρντον Σίτυ σε φιλικό αγώνα θα αντιμετωπίσει στο γήπεδο του Πορτ Νέιμκουρν ένα ΙΟ.30 π.μ. την ο-μάδα της Λαμινέξ.

Η συνάντηση αυτή είναι στα πλαίσια της προετοιμασίας των δυο ομάδων για το πρω-τάθλημα του Ιντερσταντ Λιγκ που αρχίζει στις 13 Απριλίου 1986.

ΕΛΛΗΝΙΚΟ ΚΥΠΕΛΛΟ

ΣΤΙΣ 13/4 θα γίνει η Γενική Συνέλευση του Ελληνικού Κυπέλλου στη λέσχη του Κλίφτον Χιλ και ώρα ΙΟ.00 π.μ.

Θα συζητηθούν όλα τα θέματα και θα γί-ναι η εκλογή της επιτροπής για την νέα διοργάνωση.

ΚΛΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛ - ΔΟΞΑ ΓΙΑΠΑΡΙΑ Ο - Ο

ΣΤΟ ελληνικό ντέρμπι της Γ' κατηγορίας του Βικτόριαν το Κλίφτον Χιλ και η Δόξα μοιράστηκαν τους βαθμούς.

Και οι δύο ομάδες έπαιξαν δυνατά και ξε-χόρισαν οι αμυντικές τους γραμμές.

Τό Κλίφτον Χιλ στάθηκε άγριο στο Β' μέ-ρος όταν οι κυνηγοί του Βρήκαν δύο φο-ρές τα δοκάρια της Δόξας με τον Γκέλλιαν και τον Αιουσόπουλο.

Καλύτερος παίκτης της Δόξας ήταν ο Θ. Δημητρίου. Ενώ από το Κλίφτον Χιλ ό λαντούχος Γιάννης Κόργιος έκανε μία κατα-πληκτική απόκρουση στο Β' μέρος.

Ής το Κλίφτον έπαιξαν οι: Κόργιος, Θεοχαρί-δης, Βλαχάκης, Τυρικός, Λορέντζι, Πατάσκος, Γκέλλας, Παπαγεωργίου (78' Βυθόλιας), Διο-νυσόπουλος, Στρατάκης, Φάκος (86' Αιματί-δης).

ΝΤΑΝ ΚΑΛΟ ΤΟ ΟΚΛΗ ΛΑΛΑ ΕΧΑΣΕ Ι-Ο

Εκτός έδρας το 'Οκλή έχασε Ι-0 από το Ν. Ντέντονγκ με γκολ που δέχτηκε στο 43' της συνάντησης που ήταν για το πρωτάθλη-μα της Α' κατηγορίας.

Στο Β' μέρος η ελληνική ομάδα είχε πληρή διπεροχή αλλά δεν κατάφερε να θρεί τα δίχ-τυα των αντιπάλων.

Καλύτεροι παίκτες ήταν οι Βαρελάδης, Ζά-κος και Πολίτης.

Έπαιξαν οι Βαρελάδης, Παλίζια, Βασιγιάννου, Βαλαριτίδης, Βασιλόπουλος (Στεργίου) Τριούβου

(Κουτούδης) Φάκος, Πολίτης, Παπέρας, Ιοβάν Βορυνάκης.

Η Β' ομάδα έχασε 3-1 (Πολίτης).

ΘΡΙΑΜΒΟΣ ΤΟΥ ΣΑΟΥ ΣΠΙΝΚΒΑΙΝΑ 3-2

Αν και έχανε το Σάου Σπρινκβαϊλ στο 7' Ι-0 από την Αλτόνα εκτός έδρας στο 43' κα-τάφερε να ισοφαρίσει με τον Κατοάρ και στο Β' μέρος (47') να προηγηθεί με τον Το-μάζο 2-1.

Η Αλτόνα στο 86' ισοφάρισε αλλά με την σέντρα (87') ο Κατοάρ χάρισε την νίκη στο Σάου Σπρινκβαϊλ.

Από την νικήτρια δεν υπέστησε κανένας αλλά ξεχώρισαν οι Β. Τσαμουρτζής, Βαμανούη Λίβης, Κατοάρς και Σταμάτης.

Έπαιξαν οι Π. Τσαμουρτζής, Ραντοβίλης, Νέτ, Κέρος, Ντράκος, Βαρέλιας (46' Β. Τσαμουρ-τζής) Τσεκοράς, Βαμανούη Λίβης, Τομάζος, Στα-μάτης.

ΝΙΚΗΣ Η Β' ΤΟΥ ΚΛΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛ

Η Β' ομάδα του Κλίφτον Χιλ νίκησε 3-2 την αντίστοιχη της Δόξας.

Η γηπεδόχος αν και έχανε 2-1 κατάφερε να πάρει τη νίκη με τέρματα που πέτυχαν οι Καρδελιάνης 2 και Κουσιτάρας.

ΜΕ ΤΟ ΔΕΙΤΙ ΝΙΚΗΣ Η ΚΛΑΡΙΝΤΑ

Ακριβώς στο 89' η Κλαρίντα πήρε τη νίκη από το σκληρό Αιθλορυ για το πρωτάθλημα της Α' του Βικτόριαν.

Η Γιουγκοσλαβική ομάδα στο 39' άνοιξε το σκόρ αλλά στο 47' ο Βυγκρίνι έκανε το Ι-1.

Στο 58' το Λαθλορυ πήρε πάλι την προήγ-ση και στην συνέχεια η ελληνική ομάδα ή-ταν τρομερή.

Στο 76' ο Κούτσικος έβγαλε τον Ουγκρίνι μπροστά από έστιαζε το 2-2.

Ο πεπειραμένος Αντώνης Γκατζίνης στο 89 της συνάντησης έκανε το 3-2 και χάρισε τη νίκη στην Κλαρίντα.

Από την διάδα δεν υπέστησε κανένας.

Η σύνθεση: Τσακινιεύδης, Βερναβιεύδης, Κωνσταν-τίνου (Αδάμου) Αιματίτης, Κοντέσι, Α. Γκατζί-νης, Α. Γκατζίνης, Ιερόσκος, Κούτσικος, Νίτσι-κας (Αραούζοπουλος) Ουγκρίνι.

ΕΠΙΛΕΞΥ

Σε φιλικό αγώνα που έγινε στο γήπεδο του Πορτ Νέιμκουρν τό 'Οκλας νίκησε 3-1 το Γκάρντον Σίτυ που έπαιξε χωρίς τους Απο-στολόπουλο, Σβένγκο, Χατζαζήν και Βαρέλια, έα-τά.

bolji igrači Danny Tarav, Dragoslav Jelicic i Dragan Janjic.

Rezerva "Plavih" je pobedila sa 2:1 (0:1). Strelci: Goran Filipovski u 46 i Toma Okovic u 87. minutu.

U subotu 29. marta "PLAVI" iz Springvale docekuju Ferntree Gully na imanju Jugoslovenskog radnickog centra. Lot 16 Perry Rd, Keysborough.

Central City/Crvena Zvezda — Geelong Utd 3:1 (1:1). Slatka osveta za poraz u Provizionalnou kupu sedam dana ranije. Ovog zvezda se nije mogla prepoznati tako je sijajno igrala. Osvojila je dva vredna boda na pocetku sezone.

Jedan ode ove utakmice posmatrao je Lou Richards sa gospodom. TV ekipa Australijanske sportske komisije napravila je nekoliko snimaka za seriju "Sportsko popodne u Australiji".

Strelci: Goran Simic u 28, Dragan Milenkovic u 62 i Sasa milenkovic u 77. minutu. Bili su to izvanredni i oportunisticki golovi, dok su gosti dali gol iz jedanaes-terca pod samu prečku, tako da je Nikola Popovic bio nemocan, a odbranio je tokom igre nekoliko opasnih udaraca.

Sastav Zvezde: Nikola Popovic, Branko Stankovski, Ivica Karic, Zoran Roksandic (Zarko Vukicevic od 68. minuta), Miodrag Velickovic, Mladen Mutic, Bora Andjelkovic, Dragan Milenkovic, Goran Simic, Sasa Milenkovic, Tom Divic (Slavko Viscic od 46. minuta).

Za sudiju najbolji su bili Sasa milenkovic, Bora And-jelkovic i Goran Simic

Rezerve Central City — Geelong Utd 1:4 (0:2). Stre-lac: Bogomir Stibilj iz jedanaestera.

U subotu 9. marta Zvezda je gost Malvern City-a u Kooyong Parku Glenferrie Rd.

Greensborough — Williamstown/Mladost 0:1 (0:0). Domacin se uporno branio skoro 90 minuta, ali Mladost je ipak zasluzeno osvojila oba boda. Jedini gol postigao je Cane Trajkovski u 89. minutu.

Sastav Mladosti: Slobodan Bozinkovski, Branko Markic, Zarko Stefanovic, Tom Dimovski, Dance Smur-jevic, Venco Bozinkovski, Cane Trajkovski, Slobodan Jovanovic, Dragan Nedeljkovic (Mirko Bekar od 85. minuta), Boris Sbrinovski, Slobodan Dimirijevski.

Najbolji igrači: Zarko Stefanovic, Slobodan Jovano-vic, Boris Sbrinovski.

Rezerva je pobedila sa 2:0.

U subotu 29. marta Mladost docekuje Ivanhoe City na Grey Reserve u Williamstownu.



by Manos Milios

Τα γκολ πέτυχαν οι Κυρίτσος, Άλιος και ο Πετρολένης.

Το Γκάρντον Σίτυ ευχαριστεί το Δ.Ε. του Β. μπασού για την φιλική συνάντηση.

Ο ΓΑΡΒΙΝΑΙΗΣ ΤΩΝ ΑΘΛΗΤΙΚΩΝ ΔΙΚΑΣΤΩΝ

Μετά την ύψωση του Σπέρ Μάου του δι-κατέθηκε από τον αθλητικό δικαστή και ελ-ναι ελεύθερος, ο Γαβρινάιης που έχει από καιρό μπλε στή λίστα των μεταγραφών από τον ποσό των 5.000 δολαρίων, καταφεύγει στον αθλητικό δικαστή γιατί βρίσκεται την τιμή που μπήκε από τον Αλέξανδρο υπερβο-λική.

Η 2η ΑΓΩΝΙΣΤΙΚΗ ΤΟΥ ΒΙΚΤΟΡΙΑΝ ΑΗΓΚ

Στην 2η αγωνιστική ημέρα του Βικτόριαν ΑΗγκ στην Α' κατηγορία το ΟΚΛΗ παίζει το ΕΣΒΑΤΟ στο γηπεδό του με το Νοξ Σίτυ.

Την Κυριακή το ΝΟΡΜΤΙΑΛΑΚ στην έδρα του υποδέχεται το Νόρτ Ντέντονγκ.

Στην Γ' κατηγορία η ΔΟΞΑ στο γηπεδό της παίζει με το Κέμπουρνγκ και είναι σίγου-ρο ότι η ελληνική ομάδα θα πάρει τη νίκη ενώ δύσκολο σχετικά αγώνα έχει και η Ν.Ε. ΛΑΣ εκτός έδρας με το Περάν.

Το ΚΛΙΦΤΟΝ ΧΙΛ παίζει εκτός έδρας με το δυναμικό Κλέλ Παρκ.

Και οι τρεις ομάδες που αντιμετωπίζουν τα ελληνικά μας σωματεία, έχασαν την πε-ρασμένη βδομάδα.

Στην Α' κατηγορία ο ΠΕΑΟΙΑΣ παίζει με τη Κιναντεθα εκτός έδρας και η ΚΛΑΡΙΝΤΑ αγω-νίζεται στην Ήτοσάνα με την τοπική ομάδα.

ΠΡΟΒΛΕΨΙΟΝΑ

Τό ΜΑΒΕΣΝ στο γηπεδό του υποδέχεται το Σέντραλ Σίτυ.

Ο ΑΣΕΝΙΑΔΑΣ παίζει στο Γκράντοουν με την τοπική ομάδα.

Εκτός έδρας παίζει ο ΉΥΕΑΤΟΡΑΖ με το Γ. Ήντος και το ΣΑΟΥ ΣΠΙΝΚΒΑΙΝΑ στο γηπε-δό του αγωνίζεται με την ελληνική ομάδα ΑΣΚΟΤΑΒΑΙΝΑ.

Ο ΑΗΤΑΤΟΡΑΖ στην έδρα του θα παίζει με την Στ. Κίλντα και η ΓΟΥΣΤΕΚ εκτός έδρας με την Ρουβέρλου Γιουν.

ΣΠΕΣΤ ΑΗΓΚ

Το ΕΣΒΑΤΟ έχουμε και το πρώτο ελληνικό -ομάδα ΚΟΛΑΝΟΥ- που κέρδισε

Η ΓΙΟΡΤΗ ΤΟΥ ΜΑΒΕΣΝ

ΠΑΝΗΓΥΡΙ διοργανώνει το ΜΑΒΕΣΝ ΣΙΤΥ στο γηπεδό του την Κυριακή 6/4 και από ώρα



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at Schintler Reserve 3pm SUNDAY
Youth Game: Footscray vs Fawcner at 12.45pm



ZORAN NIKITOVIC



THEO SELEMDIS

Heidelberg Utd Alexander vs Adelaide City

at Olympic Village 3pm SUNDAY
Youth Game: Heidelberg vs Nunawading City 12.45pm

Brunswick Juventus vs South Melbourne Hellas

at Olympic Park No 1 at 3pm SUNDAY
Youth Game: Brunswick vs South Melbourne 12.45pm



JOE SWEENEY



KEN DRAKEFORD

Green Gully vs Melbourne Croatia

at Green Gully Reserve 3pm SUNDAY
Youth Game: Green Gully vs Melbourne Croatia 12.45pm

Adelaide Hellas vs Sunshine George Cross

at Hindmarsh Stadium 2.30pm SUNDAY
Youth Game: Brighton vs Sunshine George Cross
at venue to be announced



GRAHAM HONEYMAN



RON CAMPBELL

Brisbane City vs Preston Makedonia

at Spencer Park 3pm SUNDAY
Youth Game: Frankston Pines vs Preston
at venue to be announced

NORTHERN DIVISION

Sydney City vs Newcastle Rosebud
at Woy Woy Oval 3pm SATURDAY

Wollongong City vs Marconi
at Wollongong Showgrounds 3pm SUNDAY

Canberra City vs Blacktown City
at National Sports Complex 3pm SUNDAY

Sydney Olympic vs Canterbury
Marrickville
at Pratten Park 3pm SUNDAY

APIA Leichhardt vs Inter Monaro
at Lambert Park 3pm SUNDAY

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